

VERMONT CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

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DATE: 12-15-10 Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM. Pastor Chad led devotions.

PRESENT: Peter Antonie, Scott Berger, Jill Stone-Brisky, Pastor Chad Christensen, Bonnie Dauck, Virginia Johnson, Stan Morley, Ingerid Kvam

ABSENT: Patty Herrling, Bill Kennedy

PASTOR'S REPORT: Written report submitted by Pastor Chad. He included items for visioning for consideration.

- Calendar:
 - **Dec19** Choir Worship Service, Children's Christmas Program at 5PM
 - **Christmas Eve Worship** 4:00 and 9:30 PM worship services. No Christmas Day Service. Regular worship on Dec 26 but no SS.
 - **Jan 29** Lamp Mission trip spaghetti fundraiser 4-6:30 PM

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from Nov were reviewed and approved (Ginny, Ingerid).

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nov report reviewed and approved (Bonnie, Scott). Shortfall \$5458.

VISION AND MISSION: Committee reports reviewed.

- **Worship Committee** has been discussing how to restart recording ministry. Council discussion of possible: Digital audio recording for shut-in individuals, linking recordings to web site for greater access, possible DVD recordings. Council referred issue back to committee for further discussion and presentation of recommendations at February council meeting.
- **Nominating Committee:** New ballot set for annual meeting.
- **Visioning for 2011:** Will be discussed at next council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Facility Use:** Use of Alcohol in Church Facilities discussed. Motion made and passed (Ingerid/Scott) to amend item 4 to eliminate use of alcohol in any church facilities. Motion made (Stan, Ginny) to accept new Facilities Use Policies as a whole including the approved revision.
- **Constitutional Revision** Proposed revisions based on model from ELCA sent to synod for approval. Synod response should be received before next council meeting. Will discuss changes from former constitution at annual meeting in Jan. Congregational approval of the revised constitution will be done at a later date.
- **Budget for 2011** Proposed budget reviewed. \$4600 proposed increase for next year over this year's budget. Council discussed possible ways of raising more funds via regular giving, special fund raising events, specific line items targeted for a given Sunday or month. Discussed sending out a 3d quarter mailing to alert members regarding how well we are meeting the budget each year to that shortfalls can be remedied before the close of the 4th quarter. Also discussed changing our church fiscal year dates to avoid December fund raising to make up shortfalls since this is a time of year when many people have fewer personal funds available due to outlays for Christmas, taxes bills. Motion made (Bonnie, Scott) and carried to include addition of income column highlighting congregational giving that covers yearly operating expenses (community fundraisers are to be used for Mission funding). Council will vote on final proposed budget at next council meeting on Jan 13, 2011.
- **Annual Congregational Meeting:** Jan 23, 2011 following worship.
- **Endowment Committee Expenditures:** Motion was made (Ingerid, Stan) to approve reviewed expenditures made this year by the endowment committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Inclement Weather:** Any cancellation of church worship services will be posted by e-mail, on the Web site and on local television stations (by 8 AM on any given Sunday). Council also discussed having a phone message posted when possible on the church line. The council urges parishioners to use their best judgment regarding the safety of driving their local roads to church on any given Sunday or other days/evenings when church functions have been scheduled.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, January 13, 2011. 6:30 PM (2nd Thursday of Each Month)

Respectfully Submitted by Bonnie Dauck, Vermont Council Secretary