

**OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING
October 11, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tina Kiefer Rebekah Murphy Mary Fischer
 Rebecca Burgener Carie Truckey Shirley Mitchell
 Allen Handlin

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Pr. Beth Macha Brenda Mueller

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm by President, Carie Truckey.

DEVOTIONS: Carie Truckey opened with a devotions.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes of the September 9, 2010 Congregation Council meeting were reviewed.

A motion made by Shirley Mitchell and seconded by Al Handlin to approve the Secretary's Report. Motion passed.

CONGREGATION FINANCIAL REPORT/TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Financial Stewardship Team and Treasurer's Report minutes were reviewed. As of September 30, 2010, the Undesignated BC Ziegler Fund has a balance of \$18,755.41 and the Designated BC Ziegler Memorial Money Market Fund has a balance of \$15,563.23. As of September 30, 2010, the Designated Memorial Checking account had a balance of \$50,985.28. The Loan balance as of September 30, 2010 was \$3,587.85

All September bills are paid. October has five deposit days and we should meet all our October bills. The finances are in much better shape than a year ago. The cladding project was approved. Scrip profits have increased since we began selling scrip from the secretary's office. Funds have been set aside from scrip profits for the call process. Over \$10,000 is now available.

A motion was made by Al Handlin and seconded by Mary Fischer to authorize Pastor Beth Macha to use the Deacons Fund at her discretion until a new pastor is on staff. Motion passed.

STANDING TEAM REPORTS:

There was no Youth and Family Team report.

A motion was made by Al Handlin and seconded by Rebekah Murphy to accept the Standing Team Reports. Motion passed.

Call Committee Update:

Mary Fischer reported that the committee is reworking the Congregation Profile summary and goals sections. Reviewed the Round Table Discussion held October 10, 2010 with three local pastors. The next meeting is October 19, 2010.

PASTOR AND STAFF REPORT:

Pastor Beth submitted activity reports for September 1-30, 2010

Narrative Information for Council:

- The transition to one pastor has been smooth thus far. Really the only things added to my list of duties were hospital calls and shut-in visits.
- I have changed my schedule slightly, in that I do hospital visits on the way into the office, so I do come in a little later in the morning on some days, depending on how many visits I have to make.
- Currently, I am leading confirmation classes on Wednesdays while Jamie is on maternity leave, and I am preparing for the round table discussion with clergy on October 10, and I am preparing to offer at least two different sessions of the “Healthy Congregations” short courses.

For Council Review/Action:

- The only item of business that I have for council is that I plan to take Saturday, November 6, off. It is a first Saturday of the month which would typically be a communion service, so I need to know if council would like me to find an ordained pastor for that service to officiate at communion or if council would allow me to find a layperson to lead that service and move communion to the next weekend.
- Goals for the Next Month:
 - 1.Begin the Healthy Congregations short courses
 - 2.Prepare for Thanksgiving and Christmas services and extra services

Statistics:

Meetings with one or more staff	8
Meetings with Committees/Leaders	5
Denominational/Area Clergy Meetings	1
Pastoral Contacts	15
(Office visits, Hospital visits, Home or Shut-in Visits, Counseling, Premarital, Funeral Planning, etc.)	
Funerals/Graveside Services	0
Weddings/Vow Renewals	1 (though not at OSLC)
Classes Taught/Bible Studies Led.	8
Lectionary/Text Study Group attended	2
Worship Services Led 6	Preached at 6 services

Vacation:

Taken This Month	2 weeks, 0 days
Year to Date	3 weeks, 2 days
Remaining this Year	0 weeks, 5 days

Upcoming Vacation Planned: Saturday, November 6, 2010

Continuing Education:

Taken This Month none

Year to Date:

“Digging into the Word” on May 20

Upcoming Planned Cont. Ed. Events: Theological Conference October 11-13, 2010

Transfers Out:

Peter, Lori, Tanner, & McKenah Smith to St. John's Lutheran Church,

Council approved having lay people lead the service on Saturday, November 6, 2010 and delay communion to November 13, 2010.

BUSINESS:

Council replacements: Council will recruit members to fill out final three months of this term. Announcement will be made in the bulletin and at the Job Fair.

New Pastor's Job Description: Reviewed the description presented in September. Suggested changes to add supervision of Financial Secretary and responsibility for staff performance reviews.

Motion made by Tina Kiefer and seconded by Mary Fischer to approve the Job Descriptions with changes. Motion passed. Rebecca Burgener abstained.

Update on Parsonage: Al Handlin reported that we have two estimates from Realtors on value of the house. We are waiting for a quote on upgrades. We will wait until the wishes of a new pastor are known to make a decision.

Update on Jean Monti: There has been no response from the lawyer on the letter sent August 23, 2010.

A motion was made by Rebecca Burgener and seconded by Mary Fischer to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm. Meeting adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next scheduled Church Council meeting is set for Monday, November 8, 2010 at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Mitchell
Congregation Vice-President