



Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2011

Attendance:

Name	Present	Not Present
Peter Geisendorfer-Lindgren	X	
Karen Geisendorfer-Lindgren	X	
Phil Dell	X	
David Lippitt	X	
Todd Buegler	X	
Laura Dirks	X	
Tom Campbell	X	
Kris Bjorke		X
Tom Brady	X	
Lisa Toms	X	
Lisa Gedker	X	
Tim Jenneke	X	
John Hanson	X	
Jason McCarty	X	
Barb Lindberg	X	
Kent Mainquist	X	
Katrina Bahen		X

Tim Jenneke called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

There were no additions to the agenda for the April 26th meeting.

Devotions

Jason McCarty offered a devotion on discerning what we want and what God's will is. God created us in His image and gave us free will and the ability to choose, even if our decisions do not include Him. We must look to God and His divine plan, and pray for His will, not ours, to be done.

Learning Time: Pastor David

Pastor David led us in learning time on stress and anxiety. He shared a video by Robert Sapolsky on the ways stress impacts our lives.

- Stressors are anything that knocks us out of homeostatic balance.
- Stress response – what we do to re-establish that balance.
- Stressors may or may not be real.
- The prescription for stress is in Matthew 6:25-34, "...But strive first for the Kingdom of God and his righteousness..." The Kingdom of God is a state of being in relationship with God, not a physical place.
- Let go, and let God.

Council Action:

- APPROVE MINUTES
 - Minutes of the March 29th, 2011 Congregational Council Meeting were reviewed for accuracy.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Tom Campbell, SECONDED BY John Hanson TO APPROVE THE March 29th, 2011 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. Motion passed.

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- .OFFERING COLLECTION SIGNUP FOR MAY.
 - Passed around.
- MARCH 2011 FINANCIAL REPORT
 - We are doing well financially year-to-date.
 - We have had some significant contributions to the capital campaign as well.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Tom Campbell, SECONDED BY Jason McCarty TO ACCEPT THE March 2011 FINANCIAL REPORT. Motion passed.

Campaign Update:

- 1.85 million pledged to date, by 492 households.
- There are many up front gifts, but fewer than expected pledges.
- We are receiving 2011 operating pledges along with the Capital campaign.
- We will begin follow-up on pledges May 1.
- We will evaluate our progress at the May meeting about our options moving forward.

Campus Update:

- Things are looking good as we make our way through the City process.
- We are honing in on the interior details of the design plan.

Leadership Ends Policy Update

Pastor Phil presented a review of the Leadership Ends Policy

- Lord of Life has strong Lay and Staff leadership
- We have great support from the seminary and 8 current seminarians
- Adult leadership is definitely growing
- How do we do better? How do we do more?
 - Offer leadership training to CYF and Adult ministries leaders
 - Provide a Leadership Academy when our space allows

Generosity Committee Policies

Pastor Phil has been meeting with the Generosity Committee on the following policies:

- Development of new fundraising guidelines
- Striving for a holistic approach to giving, involving the congregation as a part of ALL missions.
- Monies raised will go to the Mission & Service fund, and will then be distributed to individual missions.

Outgoing and New Council Members:

Pastor Peter thanked the outgoing Council members for their three years of service, and acknowledged that it has been a busy time for the Council.

- Outgoing Council Members:
 - Lisa Toms, John Hanson, and Jason McCarty



Pastor Peter then presented the following slate of candidates to fill the council vacancies for the upcoming term:

- New Council Members:
 - Merle Waldron, Larry Pivec, and Gwen Denninger
- Returning Council Member:
 - Lisa Gedker

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Tom Campbell, SECONDED BY Laura Dirks TO RECOMMEND THE PRESENTED SLATE OF CANDIDATES TO THE CONGREGATION FOR ELECTION TO THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL. Motion passed.

May 1 Congregational Meeting

- Tom Brady will conduct the May 1, 2011 Congregational meeting.
- It will be held at 11:00 am in the sanctuary.
- The agenda will include election of new Council members, an update on the Campus Development Campaign, and a call for any new business.

Ministry Updates:

- Karen:
 - Returned the Prodigal Son art collection to the Seminary and was able to hear how excited the collector was at how we displayed the collection at Lord of Life.
- Peter:
 - Shared the following honors bestowed on Lord of Life members:
 - Barb Lindberg will be teaching a class on Mental Health and the Law at Hamlin Law School.
 - Louise Amman received an award from the Park Nicollet staff for service outside of work. This is the first time the award has been presented posthumously.
- Phil:
 - Focus on Campus Development process

Other New Business

- None

Adjournment

A MOTION WAS MADE BY John Hanson, SECONDED BY Jason McCarty TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 26, 2011 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:43 PM.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

The next Council Meeting is May 31, 2011, at the Lord of Life at 7:00 pm.

Devotions – Looking for a Volunteer
May Ends Policy Monitoring – Outreach

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Gedker