

## Congregational Council Meeting Minutes August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010

### 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		
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 7:13 pm. (363)

A motion was made by John Hanson and seconded by Tom

Lisa Gedker offered a devotion on how this is truly our Father's world.

### Council Action:

- OFFERING COLLECTION SIGNUP
  - Passed around.
  - Reminder to have 2 signatures on the form in each deposit.
- CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE
  - We will continue to profile one Councilmember in each issue of Lifetimes. Bev Mello will contact members as needed.
  - Contact information sheet circulated.
- APPROVE MINUTES
  - Minutes of the June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 Congregational Council Meeting were reviewed for accuracy.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY John Hanson, SECONDED BY Tom Campbell TO APPROVE THE June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. MOTION PASSED.



- FINANCIAL REPORT
  - Receipts ahead of last year, and slightly behind what was budgeted for the year. We are doing okay. Benevolence and member services are timing issues. We should come in close to budget. Ken Carreaux was in a car accident while going home from Lord of Life earlier this summer, and required surgery recently. We may have some service calls while he is out for recovery.
  
- COUNCIL TEST EMAIL DELIVERY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
  - Peter explained the cost savings of sending financial statements by email. It is suggested to test the system beginning with council members. The question was raised about using a secure server to send confidential information, and that will be investigated prior to testing the system. Council members are requested to reply to Lenore Little's email after receiving the information.

### **Learning Time – Pastor Phil:**

- Mission Uganda
    - Why go halfway around the world? Matthew 28:19, 25:35
  
    - Pastor Peter O. School in Juba funded by LOL benevolence 6 grades, mud huts with no electricity, chickens and coop to create a sustainable business to pay for the school sell the eggs, met boys Julius and Pious and girl Cordelia sponsored by Kent and Laura, kids fed with meals from Feed my Starving children but many kids needed to be turned away, hospital - Pastor Erik has ministry at Hospital and prisons, church in Basaro tin roof delightful people powerful worship, spirit of people in Uganda is tremendous – very generous, Pastor Ruth sewing machines and cooking pots for widows of Uganda runs store to benefit the widows over 400 kids from the woods – mostly homeless - porridge for breakfast some go to school FMSC lunch go home about 5 pm – Karamajhong tribe that Pastor Ruth cares for, certificates to people taking English classes, Elizabeth Hope for Kids money gets used for the kids, Janelle mission trip joyful to be on a mission trip in
  
    - I am blessed – I will never complain again about anything – ever. There are saints alive and well in this world. Everyone should go on at least 1 international mission trip. God watches over us. Beware of volcanoes.

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  - Live Christ – permeates the story of Mission Uganda.
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### **Policy Monitoring Preview:**

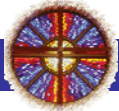
- Monitoring Process
  - Discussion about the expectations for Council and staff in the monitoring process.



- Build in expectations for the coming year for each Ends Policy.
- Sample Ends Policy Review
  - What are the results based on what you told us last year that you were going to do? What aren't you going to do?
  - Staff says what they have done, what they are going to do, council provides input, and then the review is done the following year.
  - We will try the process and evaluate.
  - Do a follow-up for each months monitoring at the next meeting.
  - Exception reporting
  - No Surprises & bring solutions to council, not problems
  - Move the Faith Formation to October and the Outreach to April.

### **Campus Update:**

- Campus Development - Jason McCarty, Tim Jenneke, Pastor Peter, Pastor Phil, John Merken, Alan Black
  - Team met throughout the summer. BWBR are the architects chosen to work with Lord of Life. (Did the original building and the planning 4 years ago.) Will meet on 9/13 for a shirrett – intense meeting to get everyone together and determine what is needed for this building. ? How big, how much money, 25,000 ft2 factor everything into the cost – furnishings, etc. Council to decide how much we can afford, would we take on more debt, pay cash, financing from Thrivent, Congregational vote.
  - How does the new space help us accomplish our ends policies?
  - Phase one involves spending \$16K-\$17,500 Initial concept, design, graphics for capital campaign, conducting shirrett process
  - Phase 2 designing of the building \$205K (need more detailed info, scope of work and compensation.) Proposal – will negotiate



A MOTION WAS MADE BY Laura Dirks, SECONDED BY Pastor Peter to authorize the church to enter into a contract with BWBR at a cost of up to \$17,500 for the initial design phase of new construction.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY , SECONDED BY TO identify the scope of work and compensation to be included in the second phase of design and to negotiate the costs of that phase, if the decision is made to move forward with construction.

### **Work Group Updates:**

- Learning - Lisa Gedker, Lisa Toms, Laura Dirks, Pastor Karen
  - Mayor in
- Campaign/Fundraising - Pastor Peter, Kent Mainquist, John Hanson, Barb Lindberg
  - Ramp up in October
- Succession Planning and Nominating Committee - Tom Brady, Tom Campbell, Laura Dirks
  - Planning to begin work later this fall.

### **Ends Policy Schedule**

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- Updated Schedule:
  - September: Caring Community
  - October: Faith Formation
  - November: Worship
  - December: None
  - January: Campus
  - February: Culture of Generosity
  - March: Leadership
  - April: Outreach
  - May: None
  - June: Global Governance

### **Staff/Ministry Updates:**

- Peter
  - Live Christ , spiritual disciplines, hourly prayer, daily bible, weekly worship, generous giving, regular service the first six weeks. Lower key rally Sunday.



Provide resources for people. David visited Alleluia in St. Michael supporting their ministry. Nancy Carlson graduated in May and received a call to a church in St. Louis Park. Her ordination will be on September 26 at Lord of Life.

- Karen
  - Live Christ – Adult Ministries tomorrow, ALPHA 9/12 kick-off with a dinner, Word for Women studying Romans this year. 2 Interns Karen Greimel, David McCarty Karen – Healing 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday month, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Fall focus on Spiritual Life growing in our Faith coordinating with Worship.
- Phil
  - Idea of Live Christ will be the focus. Transforming lives. Allow people to explore opportunity to live in Grace and more effectively live their lives in connection with Christ. New logo, banners, window cling, staff shirts with the new logo and identification present and helpful during worship times, Karing Kingdom starting strong.
- David
  - Kick-off Sunday morning and Bible studies, trip to Israel in May of 2012, care ministers training in Oct., revamping Abundant Life to be consistent with Celebrate Recovery model Jan. 1, As Families Grow Older will happen again
- Todd
  - Last week of summer programming. Good, busy summer. Ready for rhythm of Fall! Incorporate Live Christ into Fall youth programming. Getting ready for fall church school and C3 programs.

### **Other Business:**

- New Members
  - Pizza party with the Council to welcome new members prior to the next council meeting. Council members are asked to drop in as available.

### **Adjournment**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Pastor Peter, SECONDED BY Laura Dirks TO ADJOURN THE AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50 PM.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at Lord of Life at 7:00 pm.

Devotions – Laura Dirks

September Ends Policy Monitoring - Caring Community



Respectfully submitted, Lisa Gedker