



Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2011

Attendance:

Name	Present	Not Present
Peter Geisendorfer-Lindgren	X	
Karen Geisendorfer-Lindgren	X	
Phil Dell	X	
David Lippitt	X	
Todd Buegler		X
Katrina Bahen		X
Kris Bjorke	X	
Tom Brady	X	
Tom Campbell	X	
Gwen Denninger	X	
Laura Dirks	X	
Lisa Gedker	X	
Tim Jenneke	X	
Barb Lindberg		X
Kent Mainquist		X
Larry Pivec	X	
Merle Waldron		X

Guest in attendance: Dave McCarty, Pastoral Intern.

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

There were no additions to the agenda for the August 30, 2011 meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Tom Campbell, SECONDED BY Gwen Denninger TO APPROVE THE August 30, 2011 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA. Motion passed.

Devotions

Tom Brady shared a devotion on Psalm 9:1 - I will praise you God.

Learning Time

Pastor Phil led the Council in an exercise on Outreach from a "marketing/sales" perspective. The Council brainstormed on what Lord of Life offers, targets, and achieves in the following areas:

- Product/Services:
- Features/Benefits
- Target Markets
- Current market needs/wants of our target markets
- Current marketing/sales strategies/tactics
- Current results
- Competition
- Potential new markets or products



- New strategies/tactics to increase “sales”

The discussion will be continued at the September Council meeting.

Outreach Ends Policy Monitoring:

Pastor Phil provided an update on the Outreach Ends Policy monitoring report.

Comments:

- We need dedicated staff leadership in the area of outreach.
- We need to consider where the ends policies are ranked for priority in funding for the budgeting process.
- Lord of Life is not currently doing traditional advertising, but focusing advertising dollars on the website and internet presence.
- There should be some intentionality in how we move forward, regardless of funds allocated.
- Every time we offer a good program or service, we are doing outreach.
- We could be more intentional in utilizing some of our specific ministries.
- The discussion will be continued at the September meeting.

Council Action:

- APPROVE MINUTES
 - Minutes of the June 28, 2011 Congregational Council Meeting were reviewed for accuracy.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Tom Campbell, SECONDED BY Pastor Peter TO APPROVE THE June 28, 2011 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. Motion passed.

- OFFERING COLLECTION SIGN-UP FOR SEPTEMBER.
 - Passed around.
 - Remember to put all deposits in the locked bags before taking to the bank.
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- JUNE AND JULY 2011 FINANCIAL REPORTS
 - Financials are in remarkably good shape.
 - The concern of commitments to operating expenses decreasing in light of the Capital campaign continues not to be an issue.
 - July actually increased over June.

New Council Member

- Katrina Bahen has submitted her reluctant resignation to the Congregational Council due to ongoing commitments to her Seminary program.
- The nominating committee has identified another candidate to be contacted by Pastor Peter.

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New Building:

- Update on Financials
 - We have a cash balance of \$842,000 on hand at the end of July plus an additional \$75,000 in undesignated giving.
 - A decision will need to be made on whether we spend down that balance completely before borrowing money.
 - Further discussion will take place with the Finance committee.
 - Current total cost projection is in the neighborhood of \$3.8 million.
 - The current loan has been rewritten for a 20-year term, but we can keep our current pay schedule of paying the loan off in 15 years. A decision needs to be made regarding the amount of monthly payment to be made.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Tom Campbell, SECONDED BY TOM Brady TO make the September through December 2011 current loan payments at an amount of \$31,141. Motion passed.

- Things are Happening
 - Safety fencing is up and the North entrance sidewalk removal should take place on August 31.
 - The pace is starting off a little slowly, but should get back on schedule.
 - A gift list is being generated for specific donations.
- Discuss Timeframe
 - We are expecting a certificate of occupancy for the new building on January 1, with interior renovation to follow.

Staffing Updates/Changes:

- Amanda Clancy has been hired for 5/6 grade ministries.
- Kirstin Delp will replace Angel Petit on an interim basis and serve the birth – K program.
- Pennie Soppeland will now be working full-time to cover additional responsibilities due to Diane Marx' retirement.
- Karen Greimel has been hired as a Pastoral Associate.

Ministry Updates:

- Peter:
 - Recovering well from broken leg.
 - September 10th and 11th will have a focus on the 10-year anniversary of 9/11/01.
- Phil:
 - Electing new Bishop for the Synod. A Conference meeting will be held on 11/20 and Synod meetings will be held on 2/17 & 2/18. Lord of Life will be able to send 11 lay members to attend.
- Karen:
 - Adult Ministries Fall kick-off is on August 31.
 - One Mission – One World is the new theme for all mission trips offered through Lord of Life
 - New Ministry – Maple Hills Estate
 - The Christmas Families program will be on hiatus this year.
- David:
 - This will be the year of John. Sermons, Christian life groups, and the Adult Bible Study will all focus on the Gospel of John.



Other New Business

- None

Adjournment

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Tom Campbell, SECONDED BY Laura Dirks TO ADJOURN THE August 30, 2011 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:56 PM.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

The next Council Meeting is at 7:00 pm on September 27, 2011, at Lord of Life.

Devotions – Kris BJORKE
September Ends Policy Monitoring – Caring Community
Learning Time – Continuation of Outreach Discussion

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Gedker