

Congregational Council Meeting Minutes June 22nd, 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	X	
Lisa Gedker	X	
Tim Jenneke		X
John Hanson	X	
Jason McCarty	X	
Barb Lindberg	X	
Kent Mainquist	X	
Katrina Bahen		X

Tom Brady called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Add Benevolence team agenda item. Agenda was approved.

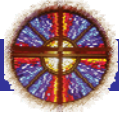
Lisa Toms offered a devotion on gardening. She shared some passages from the Secrets of the Vine devotional book by Bruce Wilkinson and talked about a journey to joyful abundance. Lisa shared how we are to bear fruit for God's glory, and be willing to make a change to be what God wants us to be.

Council Action:

- APPROVE MINUTES
 - Minutes of the May 25th, 2010 Congregational Council Meeting were reviewed for accuracy.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Tom Campbell, SECONDED BY John Hanson TO APPROVE THE May 25th, 2010 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. MOTION PASSED.

- OFFERING COLLECTION SIGNUP
 - Passed around.
- CONTACT INFORMATION
 - Passed around and updated.



- FINANCIAL REPORT
 - Peter commented that we are doing okay. Comparison to last year is okay – not stellar, but holding our own which is a victory. We are ahead in benevolence at this point, but it is a timing issue. We have been working with the auditors and things are looking good at this point. We voluntarily do an audit as a measure of transparency.
- AUGUST MEETING DATE
 - The next meeting date was set for August 24 at Lord of Life.

Learning Time – Pastor Peter:

- The History of the Christian Church.
 - 30 AD – Apostolic Era
 - People meet in homes for church, and the world is hostile. The mission field is everywhere they go. Everybody is a missionary.
 - 315 AD – Constantine
 - More churches. Everyone is declared a Christian. Mission field is Africa. Professional missionaries.
 - 1975 – Western World
 - Some people outside the church are supportive, some are hostile, and there is much apathy. If you find it meaningful, you belong to a church. The world changed, culture changed, and the church changed. The response is to 1) Deny, 2) Watch passively, 3) Find a Scapegoat, 4) have a Diversionary Internal Quarrel, 5) identify an agenda of “Shoulds,” or 6) Redefine a new role for a new day identifying and responding to the religious needs of a new generation.

What does it mean for us? How will we do things at Lord of Life? That is the challenge for the Congregational Council at Lord of Life.

Global Governance Policy Review:

- Peter read the Global Governance policy:
 - *Lord of Life Lutheran Church exists to proclaim the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and for its faith community to witness and serve God gratefully in daily life.*
 - All in agreement that the Global Governance policy is still valid and appropriate for the work of Lord of Life.

2010 Executive Committee Goals/Thoughts:

- Formation of Work Groups
 - Campus Development
 - Jason McCarty, Tim Jenneke, Pastor Peter, Pastor Phil
 - Campaign/Fundraising
 - Pastor Peter, Kent Mainquist, John Hanson, Barb Lindberg
 - Learning
 - Lisa Gedker, Lisa Toms, Laura Dirks



- Succession Planning and Nominating Committee
 - Tom Brady, Tom Campbell, Laura Dirks

Ends Policy Schedule and Monitoring Discussion

- Council involvement in monitoring
 - More discussion regarding the Council involvement in monitoring Ends Policies will take place at the August meeting.
- Schedule:
 - September: Caring Community
 - October: Outreach
 - November: Worship
 - December: None
 - January: Campus
 - February: Culture of Generosity
 - March: Leadership
 - April: Faith Formation
 - May: None
 - June: Global Governance

Lord of Life Website Updates:

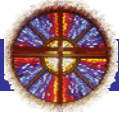
- Council member secure page being discontinued.
- Photos and Bios of Council Members on the website.
- Sandie Saar will email the offering collection schedule monthly.

Staff/Ministry Updates:

- Karen
 - Spiritual Growth all-church study in the Fall. Karen and David led the community worship service at the Town Green on Sunday, June 20. It was a small crowd, but nice setting for a worship event.
- Peter
 - Worship on 10-10-10 will focus on the Culture of Generosity and tithing. Via de Christo is happening in the building for two weekends in June. Space is a challenge, but it is a good event for those participating. Community Garden is a roaring success.

Other Business:

- Benevolence Team
 - Pastor Karen recommended Nathan Anderson to serve on the Benevolence team to take the place of Jerry Lindberg who is finishing his term.



- Campus Development
 - Met with Kairos re: timing of capital appeal. Jim Klande will chair the Campus Development group and will be involved with Pastor Peter, John Merkins from Presbyterian homes and Lord of Life, Tim Jenneke, Jason McCarty, and Pastor Phil as we move forward.
 - Meetings are beginning with staff to assess needs, and we will be working with a new architectural firm to begin a new design for campus expansion.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Tom Campbell, SECONDED BY Laura Dirks TO APPROVE Nathan Anderson as a new member of the Benevolence Team.

Adjournment

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Jason McCarty, SECONDED BY Laura Dirks TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 22nd, 2010 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:33 PM.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting August 24, 2010. 7:00. Devotions - Lisa Gedker.
August Governance Policy Monitoring: None

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Gedker