

## Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

## September 28th, 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

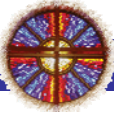
Tim Jenneke called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Jason McCarty AND SECONDED BY Tom Campbell TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.

Laura Dirks offered a devotion on seeing the glass as half full, half empty or sufficient. She spoke on the text of Psalm 73, describing how God is our safe place.

### Learning Time – Mayor Mark Steffenson:

- Mayor Steffenson provided an update on the current state of Maple Grove:
  - Bass Lake Road – finishing most of roadwork yet this fall. East to West Fish Lake Road/Vicksburg has been delayed, but work should begin this fall. The work in the wetland should be done during the winter, with a goal of completion of the road project in Fall of 2011. Some acquisition of properties is still taking place, including moving of the trailer sales.
  - Retail development at 101 and Bass Lake Road is experiencing financing difficulties and is on hold at this time. More commitments should happen once the road is nearing completion.
  - Lots of homes being built – the most for any city in the 7 county metro area. A majority are in SW Maple Grove. We should continue to see a fair amount of single family homes being built. 200-350 homes estimated per year.
  - Not expecting any new housing developments coming to town until 2012. Current building is taking place on existing lots.



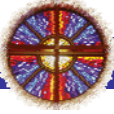
- City doing well financially, even without local government aid. Loss of that income is common for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ring suburbs in the metro.
- Anticipate very minimal increases in tax levy for the next couple of years.
- New recycling program working very well, both for the city and residents.
- The City moved forward with some nice projects this year, including the library and Town Green. There is a field house at the Maple Grove Senior High site in the works for next year, which is a cooperative effort between the City and the Osseo School District.
- K. Hovanian is wanting to change the concept of their development, but is now being delayed again. There is some concern about a sustainable development.
- There are several Senior housing developments upcoming in the Arbor Lakes area.
- The City is not currently working with any major businesses or commercial property owners planning to move into town.
- The Maple Grove Hospital is doing well. Lots of new babies being born! The facility is designed well for parents, families, and new babies. The hospital is in the process of building another floor.
- The Highway 610 expansion project is coming along quickly, and should be completed next summer. The hope is to get 610 completed to Maple Grove Parkway soon, with an eventual expansion to Highway 94.
- 3 new restaurants in the works – Malone's in the old Timberlodge, Wild Bill's Saloon in the old Buena Sera, Baja Sol going into Salsarita's. The Circuit City and World Market sites should be filled by next summer.
- There will be a stoplight at the corner of Bass Lake Road and 101, but not at the church entry right away.

### **Council Action:**

- APPROVE MINUTES
  - Minutes of the August 24th, 2010 Congregational Council Meeting were reviewed for accuracy.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Tom Campbell, SECONDED BY Tom Brady TO APPROVE THE August 24th, 2010 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. MOTION PASSED.

- OFFERING COLLECTION SIGNUP FOR OCTOBER
  - Passed around.
- FINANCIAL REPORT
  - We borrowed \$40,000 from the Capital Reserve to alleviate cash flow issues at the end of summer, rather than rely on the line of credit. We are slightly behind budget at this point.



- REVIEW COUNCIL TEST EMAIL DELIVERY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
  - Positive response from Council members receiving financial statements via email. The question of using a secure server is still being investigated. E-delivery of financial statements should be available to members by the first statement of 2011.

### **Ends Policy Monitoring:**

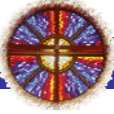
- Caring Community
  - Pastor Phil presented us with a progress report.
  - Points raised:
    - How do we assess community needs?
    - How are we promoting our ministries to the community?
    - How are we promoting our ministries to members?
    - Communication and personal invitation will continue to be key.
    - Strength of the congregation is people connecting, not programs.
    - Clarifying the goal of the As Families Grow older class.
    - Continue to communicate with staff to include activities at all levels
    - Continue to include activities and areas that are working well.
    - How do we track current and discontinued activities?
    - How about including a staff assessment of how things are going?
    - How do we quantify a culture of caring?
    - Continue to share stories in LifeTimes
    - Naming it and keeping it in the forefront makes it a reality
    - Do we count the people serving or those being served?
    - A goal is to see ourselves as servants
    - Emotions vs. numbers – qualitative vs. quantitative
    - Council feels that this model of Ends Policy monitoring is helpful and appropriate at this time

### **Campus Update:**

- Campus Development - Jason McCarty, Tim Jenneke, Pastor Peter, Pastor Phil, John Merken, Alan Black
  - Met with architects twice this month and were presented with an option for what is doable within our space and budget.
  - Council reviewed the plan drawings.
  - Next step is to meet with staff to evaluate the potential space and use to determine what will fit our needs.
  - Council will determine how much debt we want to take on.

### **Work Group Updates:**

- Learning - Lisa Gedker, Lisa Toms, Laura Dirks, Pastor Karen
  - October – Representative from Kairos
  - Balance of the year – TBD
  - Suggestions from Council included: Representative from Luther Seminary, ELCA Bishop, finance group, John Merkens, Architect



- Campaign/Fundraising - Pastor Peter, Kent Mainquist, John Hanson, Barb Lindberg
  - Not begun work yet.
- Succession Planning and Nominating Committee - Tom Brady, Tom Campbell, Laura Dirks
  - Not begun work yet.

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

- Peter
  - Nancy Carlson's Ordination service on 9/26. Lord of Life has several seminary students. We are raising them up to be leaders in the church and sending them out to serve.
- Karen
  - Word for Women Romans – challenging. Women's retreat in October, and Prayer retreat in November.
- Phil
  - Intern – Dave McCarty over next two years, more work on staffing – non-harassment training, bonding at a twins game, new shirts and lanyards for staff, council will be getting lanyards
- David
  - Trainings coming up next month, Spiritual Mentoring program training begins October 5.
- Todd
  - Fall programs launched well, Sunday night C3 up to 150 kids and phasing out 7:30 pm on Wednesdays.

### **Adjournment**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Jason McCarty, SECONDED BY Pastor David TO ADJOURN THE SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50 PM.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at Lord of Life at 7:00 pm.

Devotions – Kris Bjorke

October Ends Policy Monitoring – Faith Formation

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Gedker