



Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

March 29, 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 7:03 pm.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Jason McCarty AND SECONDED BY Laura Dirks TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 29th MEETING. Motion Passed.

Devotions

Tom Brady offered a devotion on humility. Invictus – Latin for unconquerable or undefeatable. He shared the poem by William Henley. He also shared the poem Conquered by Dorothea Day which offers the contrasting view of who is really the Master.

Learning Time: Pastor Karen

Pastor Karen shared the program Lord of Life uses for Adult Confirmation. Some points included:

- Luther's Small Catechism and the Bible are the texts for the course.
- The class walks through the book of John.
- She shared a segment of the video used in class, which spoke to how we read, interpret, and use the Bible, and hurdles we encounter in the process.

Council Action:

- APPROVE MINUTES
 - Minutes of the February 22, 2011 Congregational Council Meeting were reviewed for accuracy.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Pastor Peter, SECONDED BY Lisa Toms TO APPROVE THE February 22nd, 2011 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AS CORRECTED. Motion passed.



- OFFERING COLLECTION SIGNUP FOR APRIL.
 - Passed around.
- FEBRUARY 2011 FINANCIAL REPORT
 - We continue to be ahead of budget so far in 2011.
 - We have begun incurring costs toward the Building campaign.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Tom Campbell, SECONDED BY John Hanson TO ACCEPT THE February 2011 FINANCIAL REPORT. Motion passed.

Campaign Update:

- The Campaign is going well so far. Pastor Peter has been meeting with individuals and groups to answer questions and encourage enthusiasm for the campaign. More groups are encouraged to take advantage of that opportunity.
- Kick-off event on Sunday was a lot of fun and created a good feeling about the campaign.
- \$474,000 in 51 pledges committed as of this date.
- Meetings continue as we move forward.
- Ambassador cards are being mailed out, videos will be available, and staff are striving to keep the message fresh moving forward.
- Continue to bring pledge envelopes to the office when they are placed in the offering.
- Process of working with Kairos has been good so far. They have been providing direction as staff proceed with the campaign process.

Campus Update:

- Submitted site plan application approval to the City today.
- Winding down on schematic design.
- Moving into design development phase.
- Continuing to meet weekly and move forward with the design process.
- Beginning to gather equipment and interior needs to hone in on a final cost.
- Campus development team is working well and staying on top of things.

Nominating Committee:

- Committee met and will be looking for nominees for 3 vacancies for the next year.
- Candidate bios will be in Lifetimes prior to the Congregational meeting in May.
- Council will recommend candidates for appointment.

Denny Hecker Follow-Up:

- The recent Star Tribune article included interviews with Pastor Peter and Tim Jenneke, and is hopefully the last news item on this topic.

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Committee Updates:

- Learning Committee
 - Pastor David in April, looking for topic for May
- Fundraising Committee
 - Most of the Council members have been serving as Ambassadors.
- Succession Planning Committee
 - Meeting soon and will be working on the process.

Ministry Updates:

- Karen:
 - Celebrating new ministries coming into the Adult Ministries program.
- Karen Greimel:
 - Healing ministry program is growing. Private meetings every Tuesday and services once a month.
 - Visiting at Rose Arbor and providing services.
- Peter:
 - Leadership is happening in lots of areas at Lord of Life. We are particularly strong in supporting our seminarians and encouraging their growth.
 - We are continuing to have lots of funerals. Many are parents of members.
 - Capital campaigns are hard on the staff – there is still a Sunday every week!
 - Easter is very late this year, which is good for us financially, but we will lose a Sunday at the end of the year with the way Christmas falls.
- Phil:
 - Busy working on the campaign and campus development.
- David:
 - Participated in Week 1 of Mission Jamaica with a group of 19. Worked at Westhaven and Clifton Boys home.
 - Men's Prayer Breakfast coming up with a speaker on men's depression. Registration is encouraged.

Adjournment

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Tom Campbell, SECONDED BY Laura Dirks TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 29th, 2011 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:22 PM.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

The next Council Meeting is April 26th, 2011, at the Lord of Life at 7:00 pm.

Devotions – Jason McCarty

April Ends Policy Monitoring – Leadership

Learning Time – Pastor David

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Gedker