

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
19001 Jackson Street Northeast
East Bethel, Minnesota 55011

Thursday, September 8, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

Monthly church council meeting in the music room

Members present:

Becky Beck, Fran Munday, Sherry Allenshpach, Sheri Bachman, Lois Mayabb, Gail Bloxham, Tom Olson, Ben Bjornson, Gary Kortemeier, Pastor Brian Fragodt, Greg McGarry, Susan Fanucci

Excused: Mike Roark, Sue Liemohn

President Tom Olson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Paul Ekstrom, real estate agent, stated that there is a purchase agreement for the Ministry Center from Norb Anderson, a retired architect. His vision is to use the building as an ecumenical center. He already has four denominations interested. Lock boxes have been put on the Ministry Center doors to keep unauthorized personnel out. Norb has already been mowing the grass. This sale will include the seller providing the financing (contract for deed). The current listing price is \$400,000 with the purchase agreement being for \$360,000. The terms of the purchase agreement are:

\$ 2000 - earnest money
38,000 - at the Oct. 15 closing
20,000 - Jan. 15, 2012
1,375 - monthly payments (interest only)
300,000 - Dec. 1, 2012, remaining balance

The buyer is buying the property "as is". He is responsible for getting everything up to city and state code (such as the septic system and the roof) and paying all insurances. A provision of the purchase agreement is when the buyer hires any contractor or labor to do work for \$5000 or more, that person will supply a pre-lien agreement to Our Saviour's stating that no lien will be filed against the property if the buyer does not pay.

Per the constitution, the church council does not have the authority to sign a contract to transfer property. The church members have to approve the sale/transfer. Becky Beck moved that the church council recommend to the congregation, acceptance of the purchase agreement (dated September 7, 2011) of the Ministry Center at the September 25, 2011 annual congregational meeting.

Fran Munday seconded the motion. Motion passed with 11 yeas and 0 nays. The council president, Tom Olson, and secretary, Susan Fanucci, will sign the purchase agreement. The purchase agreement will

be null and void if not approved at the annual congregational meeting on September 25, 2011.

Property still in the Ministry Center - including the marble altar, two framed banners, Jesus Delivers and drama items - will be removed and the tree that was planted in memory of Alice Tryggestad will be dug up and replanted at the Jackson Street site. Cindy Delmonico will supply a list of personal property yet to be removed from the Ministry Center to our real estate agent to be included with the purchase agreement. When the list is prepared, the purchase agreement will be signed by the council president and secretary.

All monies from the sale of the Ministry Center will go into a dedicated Ministry Sale Fund.

Devotions: Greg McGarry led devotions using chapter 17 of What Really Matters.

Secretary's report: Motion made, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes as written.

Treasurer's report: Sherry Allenspach reported everything is "in the black". All bills have been paid as of August 31st. Motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the treasurer's report.

Committee reports:

Human Resources: The Human Resources Team had requested a meeting and met with the executive team to express their disappointment as they felt they had been excluded in the new budget process pertaining to the staff/salary issues. The description of duties of the Human Resources Committee specifically states that it is to make recommendations to the council regarding staffing. This was a very unfortunate lack of communication. As a council, we need to be very conscientious about including all appropriate committees in council business.

Music:

Kim Fragodt shared that Glen Allenspach, Steve Nelson, and Kim Fragodt have finished the recording of the Corner Stone Band to be put on Our Saviour's website. This was made possible with the funds specifically for the music ministry from the Maslen Foundation. Kim invited all to her C.D. release on Oct. 29, 2011, 5 p.m. during the Trunk and Treat event at Our Saviour's.

Long Range Strategic Planning:

Pastor Brian suggested that council finish reading the "It" book. Then the congregation and folks living in surrounding areas could be asked specific questions such as "what are you looking for in a church home?" It was suggested that the council read How Churches and Leaders Can Get It and Keep It, chapters 7-8 for the October council meeting, chapters 9-10 for November and chapter 11-12 for December. All council liaisons

could go to their respective committees and gather information. There could be a half day retreat in March for council, staff, committees and all that are interested to pick out key issues that are important to Our Saviour's. Motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to complete the reading of the "It" book by December, then council liaisons will meet with their respective committees to discuss predetermined questions, and in late winter there will be a half day retreat including council, staff, committees, and all interested parties to develop a blue print towards which direction the church wants to be working.

Brad, Jodi, and Bryce have developed a 5-year proposal for future mission trips.

Divorce Support Group:

Lois Mayabb reported that the group needs some curriculum material and has served donuts and coffee to help raise the funds.

Property:

Cindy Delmonico reported that an insurance inspector looked at the Ministry Center and will no longer insure the Ministry Center as of Oct. 2, 2011. She will see if a provision could be added to the policy to exclude the roof.

Health Board:

Greg McGarry stated that a Health Fair will be held on April 22, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Old Business:

Conversations with council:

Suggestions from the congregation included, keeping the "Journey of the Heart" theme going, having a long term maintenance plan, linking works to our faith, having a concert to raise funds for the church, need a senior housing update, do not like across the board salary cuts, do we really need three services, need more of a variety of music during the early service.

September 25, 2011 annual meeting:

Mark Kramm will be the parliamentarian with Ellen Kramm assisting.

Celebration moments shared.

New Business:

No mail

October 2, 2011 will be the installation of new and continuing church council members at all services and also the following Wednesday night. Sheri Bachman and Becky Beck were thanked for their years of service as they leave the council.

Emily Nelson Beckering (Dan and Ellie Nelson's daughter) is attending Luther Seminary to become a pastor. Mike Mattson will be graduating from Luther Seminary in December. Our Saviour's always has \$3000 allotted in the annual budget to help with congregational seminarians expenses. Pastor Brian Fragodt suggested that \$1000 be given to Mike and \$2000 be given to Emily. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to endorse Emily Alise Beckering to be a candidate at Luther Seminary.

Volunteers for October meeting:

Snacks - Greg McGarry

Devotions - Sherry Allenspach

8:35 p.m. a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fanucci