

St. Luke's Council Minutes  
Monday, October 24, 2005

Members Present: Rodney Murray, Mark Elgart, Linda Moresi, Charlotte Fairman, Jack Heberlig, Greg Borachok, Gale Begalla, Don Keen, Charles Berry, Bob Rhyne

Members Absent: Pastor Graff, Carol Schmauch

Guest: Ben Bellury

- I. Meeting called to order by Bob Rhyne.
- II. Guest Ben Bellury addressed the council. He informed the council of his calling to become more involved in the church and develop a program in the church that would teach personal budgeting with biblical guidelines. This would hopefully positively impact the stewardship campaign.
- III. Treasurer's report by Jack Heberlig  
Jack presented data that showed year-to-date trends. The church will come in well under the projected income for the year with expenses on target for the year. The result is a budget deficit with expenses exceeding income. Greg Borachok said the finance committee was working on the 2006 budget. The first cut prepared the budget at \$500k income, which is \$60k below the 2005 budget. We will need around \$580k income to maintain present level of services. The council discussed some possibilities of income for the church including: fundraisers, increasing contributions for facility use. Bob Rhyne asked council members to develop a written plan for meeting budget to be submitted in two weeks.
- IV. Property Committee report by Gale Begalla  
The Carpenters continue to work on church projects. Gale addressed a complaint that Pastor's office was too cold and nothing was being done. Gale is setting up a meeting with Environmental Services and some of the property committee to get this matter resolved.
- V. Worship & Music report by Rodney Murray  
Barbara Blackmon has researched fees for facility usage for weddings. Based on her findings, we have increased the charge to use the church for weddings. Rodney also reported on the work of the technology committee. Since the committee's initial meeting with Andreas Moresi, no work has been done to the website that is in development. Rodney will approach Andreas to set a deadline for the development.
- VI. Social Ministry report by Don Keen  
Patsy did a fantastic job with CROP walk. It raised over \$2,100. The manual for Room In The Inn is in the proper hands and we are praying the person will want to take responsibility for the project. An article on the Drop In center was in the Charlotte Observer and increased the exposure of the work being done.
- VII. Evangelism report by Charlotte Fairman.

As part of the nominating committee, she may have found a person to be nominated for the council. She is selling coffee mugs for \$3 each. She has collected \$110 so far. She also had a signup sheet for the special events committee and has had people to sign up.

VIII. Youth report by Mark Elgart

The Teens In Christ, led by Mike Campagna, will be going to the coliseum for a conference in November. The conference is nondenominational and there will be classes for them to attend. Don McConnell is going to be doing a middle school retreat. The Call Committee is interviewing one candidate this week, with more interviews forthcoming.

IX. Stewardship report by Charles Berry

The materials and pledge cards are in. Not to conflict with the 40 Days of Purpose, a letter and pledge cards will be mailed on Saturday, November 5 in hopes that they will arrive in household on the following Monday or Tuesday. Members will have approximately 3 weeks to return pledge cards.

X. Nominating committee reported that they are still seeking members to run for church council. Several members are prayerfully considering.

XI. Christian Education report by Linda Moresi

The 40 Days of Purpose will conclude on November 6. Possible topics for continued small group study include "Connecting in Christ Together", "Reclaiming the Lutheran World", and Alpha Series. Crossways is beginning January. Rev. Carl Fisher will be here on November 20 presenting "The Cross and the Swastika". There will be an Advent Fair on Dec. 11 and a children's pageant on December 18 at the 11:00 service. Linda also reported that Mary Graff has asked the church to be able to use the chapel to develop her ministry. Motion was made by Linda and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gale to allow Mary Graff to use the chapel or comparable room.

XII. Meeting adjourned.