

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 15, 2006

Attendees:

Bob Rhyne
Linda Moresi
Charlotte Fairman
Gail Begalla
Rodney Murray
Don Keen
Carol Schmauch
Greg Borachok
Charles Berry

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Don Keen had a plaque made to give to the Schumacher's at the congregational meeting on January 22 for their opening and devotion of the Drop Inn.

No pastor report.

Bob Rhyne reported that Tom Frick would be starting a "Men in Mission" program.

We are two short on the church council for nominees. Those who have expressed an interest are Helen Nachenberg, Mark Fenton, Ben Bellury and John McClave.

Chris Turner is still working on the job descriptions for the office personnel.

Not everyone has turned in the annual report yet. We need to have what each group is responsible for and what the council needs and concerns are.

Linda Moresi said that Crossways is starting, January 22 and will be lead by Phil and Diana Brooks.

Greg Borachok said that is nothing new to be changed to the 2006 budget.

Jack Heberlig said that we have a BIG challenge ahead of us on the council.

Rodney Murray said that there has been no progress on the web site.

Meeting was adjourned.

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Bob Rhyne called the meeting to order.

Asked for an accounting of how many were present and 78 were present enough for a quorum.

Pastor Graff led with the devotions.

Don Keen gave a plaque to the Schumacher's for their outstanding service and devotion to the Drop In Center.

Bob thanked the congregation for electing him to church council as their president and thanked the council.

Emphasis was put on evangelism and getting more people to come to St Lukes and join the church

Jack Heberlig said that we have a challenge facing us in 2006, as there is a continuing problem with finances. We need to keep the pledges up to date and if possible, pay ahead.

Our heating bill was extremely high and this was built into the budget for 2006. In addition, we reduced the benevolence to meet the budget.

Needed more volunteers to help in the office.

Mark Elgart went through the process of getting a youth/family ministry person. Her name is Mega Brought and will be starting her duties in February.

Mike Campagna and Don McConnell were head of the call committee and said it was a challenge finding such a person as there is such a demand across the country for this type of ministry.

Minutes were approved from the last annual congregational meetings.

Motion was made to constitution and passed.

Mid year, minutes were also made and a motion was made and passed.

The nomination of new council members are as follows: Helen Nachenberg, Ben Bellury, Mark Fenton, John McClave, Mike Campagna and Bob Rhyne.

Greg Borachak went through the budget. Said that there was a 60% increase in our heating bill. Ben Bellury who worked along with Greg talked about the proposed budget for 2006. Questions

were brought up as to how we would meet the new budget especially with the increase for Margaret and our youth/family life person. A motion was made to approve the budget by John Blackmon, seconded by Jack Eve. The budget was approved.

In addition, Greg called up Jack Heberlig to say what an outstanding job he did on get our finances straight.

Pastor Graff gave out certificates for the six past council members: Don Keen, Mark Elgart, and Charlotte Fairman, who will be doing special events, Jack Heberlig, Bob Rhyne and Mandy Trombley who left us midway through the year to pursue another career.

In addition, Pastor thanked the staff and volunteers for all their hard work. Said that the church is you.

Closing with the Lord's Prayer.

After the closing of the meeting, Bob wanted to inform us that Margaret had passed her diaconal ministry and needed a call to complete her call process. This must go through the Synod first. Then we put in a call to the Synod to complete the process. Jenny Deitz, seconded by John Blackmon, made a motion. Motion was passed.

In addition, Pastor did tell us that Cole Chastain had left the church in his will.

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We met briefly to introduce the new council members and elect people to their respective positions on the council.

John McClave – President
Charles Berry – Vice President
Mark Fenton - Vice President
Carol Schmauch - Secretary
Ben Bellury - Treasurer
Helen Nachenberg – Evangleism
Ben Bellury – Finance
Gail Begalla – Property
Charles Berry – Youth
Mark Elgart – Youth
Rodney Murray – Worship
Mark Fenton – Social Ministry
Linda Moresi – Christian Education
Greg Borachak – On Financial Committee
Bob Rhyne – Incarnation