

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2006

Attendees:

John McClave
Linda Moresi
Bob Rhyne
Mark Fenton
Rodney Murray
Helen Nachenberg
Charles Berry
Carol Schmauch
Pastor Bob

Non Attendees:

Tom Frick

On the minutes in July, a correction was made by Tom Frick on the \$2,000 which is earmarked for the drainage repair, not roof repair.

Discussion on CROWN which is the group who comes to churches to help the congregation with their finances in preparing them for pledging or Simply Giving to the church. Thrivent has a program also and John is contacting Ben Bellury to discuss who we are to bring into the church. CROWN charges a slight fee and Thrivent does not charge at all.

Benevolence is not meeting our commitment to the Synod. We have sent \$1,200 so far to the Synod. A decision will have to be made and presented to the congregation if we are to send what we had pledged which was \$21,300 or to notify the Synod that we cannot meet our obligation. We need to take the benevolence from somewhere if we are to meet our obligation. Perhaps have a campaign in the fall to raise the money. Have two different pledge cards. One for sending out benevolence to the Synod and the other for our regular pledge. During Advent, one Sunday in the middle of Advent perhaps the Sunday after Thanksgiving or the following Sunday have separate envelopes to offer the congregation. A date was purposed of December 10th. Also, put an envelope in the newsletter along with an article stating this is a way to communicate to the congregation to meet our benevolence.

Cole Chastain's settlement will be by the end of the year.

Lynwood Knolls, Alex, an attorney and Tom Frick met on the project next door. Again, nothing was finalized. We have issues with the landscaping, parking lot repairs, crossing our property to install storm water drains that were addressed but as yet, nothing has been settled. Tom will stay on top of it.

Next Sunday the committee is meeting on the Veterans' Day Event. John offered the assistance of the council.

John will be getting in touch with Pastor Graf on making himself available to help us with our goals on evangelism.

The web site is coming along but a suggestion was made to put our website address on the sign out front and in the newsletter.

The 5th of November is All Saints day and this will also be a celebration for Cole Chastain's gift to the church.

Helen brought up to emphasize more on funds that are given to our memorial fund and make people more aware of this service provided by the church. Perhaps list the memorials given in the newsletter and publicize it more.

No discussion on budget.

Pastor Graff presented the program on "This is the Way" which introduces our Stewardship program for the fall.

Discussed the heater for the children's section.

Meeting adjourned.