

**Congregational Church Council meeting on March 19, 2006**

Attendees:

Mark Fenton  
Gale Begalla  
Charles Berry  
Pastor Graff  
Greg Borachok  
Mike Campagna  
Bob Rhyne  
Helen Nachenberg  
Carol Schmauch  
Ben Bellury

**Prayer and devotion** – Pastor Graff

A motion was made to approve the February minutes by Charles Berry and seconded by Ben Bellury. Minutes were approved.

The ad in the Charlotte Observer was cancelled and will be reinstated. Bob Rhyne will follow-up on putting our name in the yellow pages.

John McClave and Mark Fenton discussed the estate of Cole Chastain of which a third is earmarked for St Lukes. A motion was made to get legal advise/consultation on how to handle Cole Chastain's request to the church by Bob Rhyne and seconded by Ben Bellury. Motion was passed.

Finances for the month of February were good, but we are \$9,000 in the hole for the month of March. Our income line is not looking good. Suggestions were made to increase the giving through automated with-drawal from checking accounts, simply giving and the importance of Stewardship. The restaurant on Montford is willing to give church members 10% off on their bill with 10% of their total bill going back to the church. We must stress the importance of keeping the money coming in if we want the church to continue.

The council wants to express their thanks to the Thalmanns for all they do for the church through a thank you letter.

Each department on the council is to have their goals ready by next month's meeting.

Gale Begalla of the Property Committee stated that everything was going well with the project next door. As issues arise, we will address them at that time. Gale checks on the project at least once a week to see that the project is complying with our request.

A motion was made to have a new hot water tank installed in the kitchen and repaired in the janitor's closet by Gale and seconded by Helen. Motion was passed. The heat exchanger was put on hold and a weekly check will be made of the crack in the masonry above the door to Loaves and Fishes.

Bob Rhyne brought up the church having a Cub Scout troop. Brooks Johnston will be the leader. The church will pay for the leader but the scouts will be responsible for the own dues. Once we get going, we will have a banner made to post in front of the church. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Charles to support a scout program... It was approved by the council. As the need arises the council will consider a brownie troop.

Mike suggested that we have a pre-memorial day event with reenactments, booths, food, speakers. This event will celebrate our veterans and will be held on May 4, after the 11:00 service. Bob said that he would talk to the pastors on Park Road about this event.

Meeting was adjourned.