

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING--September 9, 2008

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Terry Hepola at 7:42 PM with the following Council Member present: Pastor Holtan, Sheri Johnson, Lisa Peterson, Cindy Olson, Linda Mickelson, Harvey Kraabel, Connie Mort, Randy Jensen and Cindy Hurt. Also Present: Shirley Pauna, Rob McNair, Reg Hansen, Tracy Bieger, Sue Delaney and Randy Graham.
- II. **Devotions:** Linda Mickelson led the Council in devotions and prayer.
- III. **Introduction of new staff members**
 - A. Pastor Holtan introduced Tracy Bieger, Congregation Education Coordinator
 - B. Cindy Olson introduced Reginald Hansen, Stephen/Caring Ministry Coordinator
 - C. Cindy Hurt introduced Rob McNair, Youth and Family Director

IV. Officers' Reports

Secretary's Report. Action: *Harvey Kraabel moved, Cindy Hurt seconded the following: Be it resolved that the minutes from the August 12, 2008 regular council meeting and the August 24, 2008 special council meeting be approved. Motion passed unanimously. Action:* *Harvey Kraabel moved, Sheri Johnson seconded the following: Be it resolved that the minutes from the July 15, 2008 special council meeting be approved. Motion passed unanimously.*

Treasurer's Report: Randy Graham presented the treasurer's report as follows:

	Aug Rev.	Aug Exp	Aug Balance	YTD Balance
General Fund	\$31,622.48	\$26,186.46	\$5,436.02	(\$ 651.98)
Building Fund	\$ 4,970.84	\$ 5,832.00	\$ (861.16)	(\$4,538.48)

Action: *Pastor Holtan moved, Cindy Olson seconded to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

V. Committee Reports

Education- The education committee will meet for 10 months and subcommittees have been formed. Work has begun on Christmas program ideas. Sunday School has started and is going well.

Personnel – Reminder that committee budget sheets are due November 3, 2008.

Property – Budget discussions are taking place.

Social Ministry- Reg Hansen will be attending Stephen Ministry training in December with Stephen Ministry Coordinator training in January held in Orlando, FL. The TWIGS ministry has joined the Social Ministry committee. Letters introducing the program will be going out to appropriate community contacts.

Stewardship – The first Thank, Show and Tell presentation received very positive feedback. The contact for this program in Rand Stolee and input for the presentation can be submitted to him or the Stewardship committee. Working with Jeana Nelson to contact members and determine any interests or talents that may encourage more participation in the congregation.

Worship- The committee is working on budget numbers and also a survey to be presented to the congregation about adding a handbell choir.

Evangelism – New member Sunday will be October 12, 2008. There is now a “Connection Point” area to volunteer during services, gather information, etc.

Youth & Family – There are 15 youth signed up for the Youth Gathering. Confirmation begins September 17th. Pumpkins with a Purpose is getting underway. Sweet corn donated by Rich and Carol Bucholz, picked and sold by the Swansons raised \$185 to go the TWIGS ministry. Sue Delaney has created a youth calendar on the church website.

VI. Staff Reports

Pastor Holtan – Thank you to Council and search committees for all the work done to fill the various positions the past few months. Rally Sunday went well. Jay Beach will perform on September 13 and 14, 2008. There are several weddings scheduled for September and October. Expectations are for 15 – 20 new members on New Member Sunday, October 12, 2008.

Office – Contact Shirley Pauna for budget listing and detail to aid in preparing your committee budgets. A reminder to sign and note what the purchase is for when charging at local businesses. Sue Delaney has a list of committees and their members on the church website.

Discussion Items

- A. **Fundraising Action Timeline for Video Projection Equipment** - Start introducing the project to the congregation by discussing uses for the equipment, etc.
- B. **U.S. Congregational Life Survey – September 28, 2008** - All congregation members over the age of 15 will be asked to take this survey during the last 15 minutes of each service. Questions specific to Calvary will be added to the others that gauge strengths, weaknesses, needs, etc.

VII. Action Items

- A. **Approve Building Use Form: Action:** *Harv Kraabel moved Randy Jensen seconded to approve the Church Request Form as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*
- B. **Fundraising Requests: Action:** *Randy Jensen moved Cindy Hurt seconded to approve the fundraiser requests with the change of date for the Jubilee/Radio Broadcast fundraiser with matching funds from Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans from August 31, 2008 to November 23, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.*
- C. **Approve stipend for Bev Tougas as interim Stephen/Caring Ministry Coordinator: Action:** *Cindy Olson moved Linda Mickelson seconded to approve \$500 for stipend to Bev Tougas as interim Stephen/Caring Ministry Coordinator. Motion passed unanimously.*

D. **Sound/Video Technician: Action:** *Harv Kraabel moved Randy Jensen seconded to hire a temporary Sound/Video Consultant with the expectation of seeking congregational approval to make it a regular part-time staff position. Motion passed unanimously.*

E. **Annual Meeting: Action:** *Harv Kraabel moved Randy Jensen seconded to make the recommendation to congregation to adopt proposal to move the annual meeting from January to October. Motion passed unanimously*

VIII. **Adjournment:** President Hepola adjourned the meeting at 10:15 PM and the Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Mort

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. September 13 – Jay Beech Concert at 7:00pm and will also play at both services September 14
2. September 15-17 – Pastor at Theology and Ministry Retreat at Fair Hills
3. September 28 – Congregational Survey during Worship
4. September 28 – Silent Auction for Missions
5. October 1 – New Member Orientation
6. October 4 – Kristin Yost and Justin Klabo Wedding
7. October 5 – Pr. Art Johnson preaching (Pastor Phil at Hostfest)
8. October 5 – Silent Auction and Breakfast for Missions
9. October 6 – Duo Piano Recital (Russ Bunker, Paul Heisler, and Jane Stowman)
10. October 8 – New Member Orientation
11. October 13 – Congregational Special Meeting
12. October 13 – New Member Sunday
13. **NOTICE:** All **newsletter articles** are due **September 22 at 8AM**. If not received by this deadline, they will NOT be included in the newsletter.

HOUSEKEEPING

1. August/September offerings picked up by Harv Kraabel and Lisa Peterson.
2. September/October offerings picked up by Cindy Olson, Randy Graham
3. October Devotions by Cindy Hurt
4. October Host is Cindy Hurt
5. Next Council Meeting: October 14, 2008