

Congregation Council Meeting

November 10, 2009

Call to order at 6:32 pm.

In attendance: Beth, John K., Elliott, Pr. Will, Pr. John, Jack, Sharon, Scott

Devotions by Pr. John, Beth, Sharon, & Scott

Motion by Jack to approve last minutes, second Elliott: approved

President's report

1. Comments from congregation on ELCA measure on sexuality have been received.
2. Asks all council members to contribute to the annual report.

Pastor John's report

1. Shared that Oscar is leaving as Sextant.
2. Reviewed a potential candidate as Oscar's replacement.

Pastor Will's report

1. Shared that many church teams want more space for their respective missions.
2. Discussed long time attendees who are not congregation members.

Treasurer's report: Giving has been down and we are estimated to be short of spending guide by \$38,000 by year end. Pr. John will send out a letter to the congregation on giving.

Old Business:

1. Discussed how to conduct upcoming congregation meeting: 1) how to conduct meeting, 2) debate structure, 3) members must be present to vote.
2. Processing of bound conscience contributions will be studied by Tom and let the council know how it will be handled and recorded.
3. Motion to adopt continuing resolution made by John K in June was brought back to the table and discussed. Jack seconded. Discussion reviewed several issues with current designated funds. Motion passed.

Text of Continuing Resolution:

C12.05.A12.05 Designated Funds Policy:

The congregation council shall be responsible for establishing any designated or restricted fund:

1. The congregation council shall record the description and purpose of all designated funds.
2. The congregation council shall establish the process and guidelines for disbursement of monies for all designated funds.
 - a. The council may reserve the right of disbursement decisions for a given fund for the council, or
 - b. The council may establish a committee to take on the disbursement decisions from a designated fund, but only after the guidelines for disbursement are approved by the congregation council.

3. Contributions from the congregation membership or other outside sources may be accepted for placement in an existing designated fund. If a contribution specifies a fund that does not exist, the congregation council must either establish a new restricted fund under the provisions of this continuing resolution, or return the contribution to the donor.

New Business:

1. Council approved new members: families - Meissner, Zimmerman, Saunders. Motion made and second, passed.
2. Checked with council member's office terms. Jack, John, and Tom have terms completing. Pr. John is organizing a nominating committee to identify candidates to fill the open council positions.
3. Spending Guide – reviewed line items. Several line items are still under review and planning. Noted that we will not need an undesignated expense line item due to change in the constitution. Tom will provide an adjusted spending guide at the December council meeting.
Made note of the fact our mortgage Has only 5 more years until it will be paid off. This could be an appropriate time for the congregation to start planning for a major capital improvement to our facilities.
4. Discussed possible organizing strategies for the community garden in 2010.

Adjourned 9:25 pm