

**St Mary's Lutheran
Congregational Council Meeting**

May 6, 2010

In Attendance:

Rosemary Beilke	Kate Dischler-Noreen	Janet Schoettler
David Buggs	Gail Musolf	Andy Schroeder
Sharon Corso	Dennis Marx	Steve Seymour
Laura Dietrich	Rod Pfeiffer	Pastor David Raben

Absent: Barbara Campbell, Greta Hansen, Ken Winkle, Pastor Brian Alberti, Jerry Willing.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Steve Seymour at 6:35 p.m. in the lounge.

Congregational Forum: none

Prayer: (National Day of Prayer) Rosemary Beilke read a devotion "This Quiet Place." Pastor Raben opened with a prayer and we broke into small groups to pray for each other. The group got back together and closed with a prayer for what was on their hearts.

Approval of May 6, 2010 Agenda: with the addition of Linda's Sabbatical, Roof Project, and Communication Chairman.

Motion: Laura Dietrich

Second: David Buggs

Approved

Approval of April 15, 2010 Minutes:

Motion: Gail Musolf

Second: Andy Schroeder

Approved

Pastor's Report:

Pastor David Raben:

- There will be an Open House and Blessing of the new Health Center between services on Sunday May 16, 2010.
- The NDC results are back and the numbers are much improved. The average for the Hate/Health Indicators went from 42 to 58. The lowest indicator, need based evangelism, tripled. Pastor Raben said when a congregation gets to 60-65; God begins to grow the church.

- Laura Dietrich stated the fall impact event will be held on August 29, 2010. The E-Team will be the Leadership hub for the event.

Old Business

Linda's Sabbatical: Steve Seymour asked about the details of Linda's sabbatical and if we were covered during her absence. Gail Musolf said that Linda had sent out her schedule for the two months. Sharon Corso stated that WM&A said they had coverage and we would be in good hands. Gail Musolf asked who would be paying for all the things Linda would be doing. Laura Dietrich stated Linda applied to the Foundation and was awarded partial payment. The balance would be coming from her continuing education fund and would not exceed the budget.

Roof Project:

Motion: Rod Pfeiffer moved to award the contract for the flat roof replacement to Van's Roofing. The project is not to exceed \$276,500.

Second: Laura Dietrich

Discussion: Dennis Marx asked why we chose Van's Roofing. Rod Pfeiffer stated the Property Committee approved Van's Roofing because:

- They have maintained the roof for many years and know the problem areas.
- Since they have been engaged with us, we have built a good business relationship. They have also done work for us off the clock as a donation of time.
- They are local and can provide timely service.
- Twenty (20) year warranty with yearly inspections.
- They were the lowest bid for the project.
- Includes all flashing and sheet metal.

Rod said the financing part has to come after the Council approves the contract as the bank won't quote a rate until the bid has been awarded. Van's can start two weeks after notified and the project can be completed in four weeks. Jerry Willing wants to be sure we have the financing complete before they start the project.

Sharon Corso asked if the interest rate was going to be the same as approved at the Special Meeting on November 1, 2009. The congregation approved a 25 year loan with rates held for three years at 6.5%. As we could not guarantee the rate the council felt it could not approve the motion as stated. Rod Pfeiffer moved and Laura Dietrich seconded to withdraw the motion and submit a new one.

Motion: Rod Pfeiffer moved to award Van's Roofing a contract to replace the flat roof the cost not to exceed \$276,500 at a rate as voted at Special Meeting November 1, 2009 for a 25 year loan not to exceed 6.5%.

Seconded: Laura Dietrich

Discussion: Gail Musolf asked if the rate is higher than approved, does it need to go before the congregation again. Steve stated it would need another Special Meeting to approve the rate.

Approved

Other Old Business: Steve Seymour had a conversation with Treasurer Don Holland about attending meetings. Don said he could attend meetings now and promised he would. Steve told Don the Council is reviewing the Treasurers duties.

Constitution and By-laws:

Sharon Corso stated we had a By-laws Committee appointed last fall. As they researched they found that the Constitution had not been revised since 1996 and there was a new model constitution for 2009. The By-laws committee became the Constitution and By-laws committee. The members are David Buggs, Dennis Marx, Jim Miller, Steve Seymour, and Carol Summers.

Steve Seymour stated we need to set the time line for the Constitution and By-laws.

Motion: a motion was made to set the Annual meeting for Sunday, August 1, 2010 at 11:30 A.M. by Rosemary Beilke.

Seconded: Rod Pfeiffer

Approved

Steve said the By-laws may be amended at any legally called and convened meeting by a majority vote of those present and voting. For the Constitution we need to have a properly called meeting to approve by a 2/3 majority vote and then they have to be ratified at the next Annual meeting. Notice for the Annual Meeting must be given at church services on July 18, 2010 and July 24, 2010. We need to call a Special Meeting before the Annual Meeting to approve the Constitution and By-laws before they can be ratified at the Annual Meeting August 1, 2010.

Motion: to call a Special Meeting on July 18, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. to approve the Constitution and By-laws was made by David Buggs.

Seconded: Sharon Corso

Approved

Notice for the Special Meeting will be given at church services the two weeks prior to the meeting. Written notice for both the Special Meeting and the Annual Meeting will be mailed by June 30, 2010.

Sharon stated that everything in the Constitution except Chapters 1, 10 through 14 could not be changed and must remain as the model Constitution. Chapters 1, 10 through 14 with the exception of Chapter 12, Duties of Council and Chapter 13, Duties of Officers, By-laws chapters 4 and 8 were discussed and changes made with consensus of Council members.

Chapters 11 and 12 of the Constitution and Chapters 4, 8, and 11 of the By-laws will be reviewed and agreed upon at the next council meeting May 20, 2010.

New Business

Communication Chairperson: Sharon Corso told the council that the Communication subcommittee chairman Ashleigh has a second job and will have to step down as chairman. There are eight members on the committee but none feel called to fill the position of Chairman. We will be putting a notice in the Spirit for a Chairman, if anyone knows of someone they feel could fill the position please give their names to Ashleigh and she will follow up with them.

Council Connection: nothing to report.

Steve Seymour said people had approached him because Staff personnel are not known to some of the congregation. Could we have their pictures and responsibilities put up in Fellowship Hall? Steve will follow up with Jackie to see if we can get this done.

Announcements:

Kate Dischler-Noreen stated that the Homeland Ministries, Stephen Ministry and Health Ministry would be sponsoring a speaker, Michael Orban, in Fellowship Hall on May 22, 2010 at 10:00 a. m. The topic is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Prez Hoffman of St John's Lutheran has asked Kate to participate in a workshop with him.

Laura Dietrich announced there would be an open forum for women on May 24, 2010. The purpose is to find ways to connect women together in faith and fellowship. They already have formed a walking club on Thursday's at 4:00p.m. And 6:00p.m. Their hope is to have a Women's page.

Gail Musolf reported that the Women of the Church had a Mother/Daughter/Friend dinner on Friday April 30, 2010 and it had the highest attendance. Future events will also be held on a Friday.

Calendar: the next council meeting is May 20, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30p.m. in the lounge. Rosemary Beilke will lead the bible study.

Prayer Requests: the following people were included in our prayers:

Laura's family on the death of her father, the family of Bud Nelson, all the sick people we minister to on a daily basis, all those suffering and in need of prayer.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer: a motion was made by Dennis Marx and seconded by Rod Pfeiffer to adjourn the meeting at 8:45p.m. Accepted. The Council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rosemary Beilke, Council Secretary