

St. Michael Lutheran Church
Congregation Meeting
Sunday, December 12, 2010
10:45 am

Present:

Council Members: Peter Strub, Ralph Mellom, Billy Koch, Sally Sizemore, Nancy Adair, Sandy Daughtry, Bill Henry, Donna Weathers, David Cooke, Steve Baker

(Absent: Angela Bostick)

Other: Congregational Secretary, Linda Harriz; Pastor Robert; Director of Music & Organist, Charlie Jones; Treasurer, Sarah Williams

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair, Peter Strub, at 10:45 am. Pastor Robert welcomed visitors and thanked them for their patience while St. Michael's congregation conducted business, then led the congregation in prayer.

Peter announced that we were gathered to conduct two items of business: Elect Council members, and to adopt a Spending Plan for Ministry for 2011.

Peter took this opportunity to thank those leaving Council for their service: Ralph Mellom, Steve Baker, Sally Sizemore, Scott Lesiak, Bill Henry.

Peter announced the slate of nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee: Jackie Frederick, Bonnie Cook, Mark Haller, and Andy Celinskis to serve the 2011-2012 term; Peter Strub and David Cooke standing for re-election to serve 1 year, completing terms left vacant; and Nancy Adair standing for re-election to a second 2-year term.

Peter opened the floor for nominations, reminding the congregation that the nominator had to have prior consent of the nominee. There were no nominations from the floor. Warren Mowry moved that the nominations be closed and the slate elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded and carried.

Peter introduced the second order of business, the adoption of a Spending Plan for Ministry for 2011. The proposed Spending Plan was developed by the Finance Committee, was acted upon by Council and is now presented to the congregation for adoption.

Peter reviewed St. Michael's financial situation in 2010, and projections for 2011 giving, based on the Stewardship response so far. The We Are Family Stewardship books have not all completed their rounds, but we have 120 responses, totaling pledges of about \$301,000. An additional \$55,000 in giving is anticipated based on historical pledged giving. When the proposed Spending Plan was first under development, this much Stewardship response was not available. The total Spending Plan for Ministry for 2011 is \$393,729.

Motion to adopt: Wilson Worley, second, Sarah Gullick.

Discussion:

Bub McConnell asks that even with another \$55,000 in pledges, we still have another \$40,000 shortfall? Peter confirms. Bub asks how we will make up this difference. Peter indicates that this is only anticipated pledged giving. Historically, St. Michael's receives \$30,000 - \$40,000 unpledged giving each year. Peter also affirms St. Michael's leadership's good stewardship of funds and wise spending.

The motion to adopt the presented Spending Plan for Ministry for 2011 carried.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 10:57 am.

Respectfully submitted
Linda Harriz
Congregation Secretary