

**St. Michael Lutheran Church
Congregational Meeting
Sunday, December 18, 2011, 10:45 am**

Council Members Present: Peter Strub, Tonjia Groblewski, David Cooke, Andy Celinskis, Bonnie Cook, Billy Koch, Sandy Daughtry, Mark Haller, Angela Bostick, Donna Weathers, Jackie Frederick, Nancy Adair

Also Present: Charlie Jones, Pastor Robert, Linda Harriz, Sarah Williams

Chair Peter Strub called the meeting to order at 10:45, asking Pastor Robert to open with prayer.

Peter introduced the first order of business: Adoption of a Spending Plan for Ministry for 2012. The Proposed Spending Plan had been sent to all with email addresses on file in the church office, posted on our website, and copies were available in the Gathering Area.

Peter reviewed the most recently updated results from our Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program (they are attached at the end of these minutes). The Proposed Spending Plan is \$427,384.51.

Motion to adopt the Proposed Spending Plan for Ministry for 2012: Bub McConnell, seconded by Steve Baker. Discussion:

Peter reviewed the primary changes in the Spending Plan:

- ❖ Increase synod giving to \$30,000 - what we plan to do here is give 10% of Plate, Pledges and Loose checks up to \$30k. If we reach that before the end of the year, Council can decide if we want to give more.
- ❖ Added giving of \$360 to Free Medical Clinic and \$360 to United Ministries Emergency relief.
- ❖ Property - Increased Grounds Maintenance budget to \$600 for a new mower we will need soon.
- ❖ Salaries - We are proposing keeping the 2% increase from 2011 and increasing salaries across the board by 3%.
- ❖ Utilities - we increased electric 8% for rate increases coming up.
- ❖ Utilities - we increased water/sewer based on 2010 and 2011 actual spending.
- ❖ Youth Ministries - \$5000 was added to the National Youth Gathering line item in the event enough money is not raised through fundraising.

Mary Lee Mowry asked a question regarding the increase on the Stewardship line from \$0 to \$2300. Peter explained that this figure was based on what was spent this year using the Consecration Sunday program – to purchase materials and to cater the celebration luncheon. The program worked well this year and it is quite possible that we will use it again next year.

There being no further questions or discussion, the motion was put to a voice vote. **The motion was carried unanimously.**

The next order of business pertained to the election of Council members for the term of January 2012 – January 2014. There were 7 Council members eligible to leave their positions on Council. Two elected to stand for re-election, leaving 5 positions to fill. The nominating committee presented this slate to Council, and Council in turn recommends the slate to the congregation:

Nominees:

Chip Fulmer
Heather Hester
Kevin Wallace

Standing for re-election:

David Cooke
Billy Koch

There are still 2 positions to fill. There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion to elect the slate as presented, Cindy Jones, seconded by Sally Sizemore. The motion was carried.

Peter also mentioned that Sarah Williams has served two years as Treasurer and that she is willing to stay on until her baby is born in May, but the Council is accepting suggestions for this position.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda B. Harriz
Congregation Council Secretary