

**St. Michael Lutheran Church
Council Minutes October 16, 2011**

Present: Nancy Adair, Angela Bostick, Bonnie Cook, David Cooke, Jackie Frederick, Tonjia Groblewski, Mark Haller, Billy Koch, Peter Strub, Pastor Robert, Donna Weathers, Pastor Elise Andy Celinskis, Sarah Williams.

Absent: Linda Harriz, Sandy Daughtry.

Watched portion of **Alice Mann DVD**. Discussed our reactions, suggestions, comments particularly about our Sunday services.

Pastor Robert led us in prayer.

September minutes unanimously approved. Moved by Nancy, Second Bonnie. No discussion or revision.

Team report for **Learning ministry** in packet. Angela noted low SS attendance. Discussion re: improving it. Children's Christmas program 12/11.

Bonnie presented **Social Ministry report**. Ramp built at Mellom house. New family moved in October. Blood drive, Sept 21 with 19 donations. UM walk for the homeless w/ 25 participants from St. Michael contributing nearly \$976.80. Operation Christmas Child upcoming led by Wayne and Gail Bucholz and Pastor Elise. In need of supplies for the boxes-packing day 11/06. Thrivent Builds house nearly completed. UM in need of winter supplies to distribute. Disaster team left for Tuscaloosa today. Operation In As Much meeting scheduled.

Andy gave **Property report**. Fall cleanup is 11/5. Bert will determine what needs to be done with corresponding signup sheet.

Pastor Elise leaving for vacation. She commented on **ELCA Youth Gathering** 7/18-22. 11 Youth & 3 or 4 adults attending. Fundraiser considerations and suggestions given. Asked council to approve the list. The cost for the trip is about \$1200 per participant. Motion to approve this fundraising list made by Tonjia, second Billy. Approved unanimously.

Finance report by Sarah. Projected income and expenses appear to be about \$360,000 each for the year. Reports in packet. Current cash reserves about \$54,000. Third quarter giving statements will be going out soon. No finance meeting in Oct. We will be meeting in Nov. twice before and then after Consecration Sunday.

Stewardship report by Billy. **Consecration Sunday** will be Nov. 20 w/ catered lunch to follow. Billy is announcer on 10/30, Warren on 11/6 and Rick Richardson on 11/13 at Sunday worship services. All council & spouses plus other congregational leaders will be invited to a dinner meeting on 11/13 at Spaulding Farms Clubhouse. Team is working on the plans. Council is encouraged to be open to and supportive of this Stewardship campaign. Enthusiasm and positivity expressed by Pastor Robert, Peter, Billy, Tonjia & Donna

By-Law for foundation/constitution is being prepared. Report on status given by David.

Columbarium update given by Peter. Construction via Breedlove Construction Co. to begin within next week or two in the Courtyard. That construction expected to be completed in about 2 months. Niches to follow.

David reported that Thrivent will be here on 11/13 to provide a Financial workshop after Sun. lunch. Only 2 people signed up so far. David noted that this ties into Stewardship.

Peter reported that Stan Wingard, Synod representative, will meet with us at our Nov. 20 council meeting. re: **"Growing in God's Mission"**.

Endowment Committee met 10/11. This was the first meeting with Rick Richardson agreeing to chair. Motion was made by Nancy to approve Rick Richardson as chairman for the endowment committee. Second by David. Approved unanimously. Council needs to authorize treasurer to establish new ledger for Endowment Fund records. We need a vehicle to transfer property and funds to the Endowment Fund. Motion made by Nancy to allow the treasurer to set up accounting ledger for the endowment fund. Second by Tonjia. Approved unanimously. Peter reports that meetings for the endowment committee will be scheduled quarterly with reports to Council.

Nominating Committee met 10/3. List composed & contacts are being made to ask those on "the list" to serve on council, needing 5, and one to serve as treasurer. No one has accepted yet but calls are being made.

Nancy made a motion that the Thrivent choice fund of \$894 be given to the Youth gathering fund. Motion approved and seconded. Motion then amended by David that all future Thrivent choice funds through July 2012 also be designated to be used for the Youth gathering fund. No further discussion. Carried unanimously.

Andy reported that he is trying to get pricing for new HVAC. Also he is addressing the need and pricing for new thermostats in the sanctuary. Regarding the facilities policy, Property committee discussed it in their meeting today. They raised the question that AA does currently pay us \$100 in rent per month, and what should we do about the other groups that meet here. The policy is still under consideration. Andy will email copies of the facilities policy as is to all council members.

No old business reported.

David reported as **new business** that he attended a meeting this week re: the new Synod guidelines for Pastoral compensation. Pastor Robert was also in attendance. They reviewed a spreadsheet that demonstrates base salary dependent upon the congregation size. This document will be presented and reviewed at the next Finance Team meeting.

Review of calendar. Tonjia added Consecration dinner on Sun. Nov. 13 at Spaulding Farms to the calendar.

- 5th Grade Bible Presentation, Sunday, October 16
- Flu Shot Clinic, Wednesday, October 19, 5-7 pm, Gathering Area
- Wilson, McKinney Baptisms, 8:30, October 23
- Habitat Dedication, October 30
- Confirmation, Sunday, October 30
- Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 30
- All Saints Sunday, November 6
- Moon Baptism, 11:00, November 6
- Thrivent Workshop, "My Life, My Plan," Sunday, November 13
- Consecration Sunday Leaders' Dinner, Sunday, November 13
- Consecration Sunday, November 20 – one worship service & catered lunch
- Thanksgiving Worship, Wednesday, November 23, 7:00 pm

Energy assessment. Bonnie was energized by our new guests in the Mellom house, Hope and her children, attending worship service this morning. Mark said that the Bible presentation at the worship service gave him energy and inspiration.

Next meeting: Sunday, November 20, following Consecration Sunday Celebration.

Minutes taken by Donna Weathers.