

**Action Taken**

**Action Items** – please read the blue areas carefully – you may be responsible for some action!

**St. Michael Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes  
September 18, 2011**

**Attending:** Peter Stub, Nancy Adair, David Cooke, Pastor Robert, Bonnie Cook, Billy Koch, Linda Harriz, Jackie Frederick, Pastor Elise, Pastor Elise, Sandy Daughtry, Tonjia Groblewski, Donna Weathers, Mark Haller (arrived later)

**Absent:** Sarah Williams, Andy Celinskis, & Angela Bostick

The Council began the meeting at 12:30 with lunch generously provided by Bonnie Cook and Sarah Williams, and a visit from our Thrivent Representative, Melanie Hendrix, who shared with us some of the programs and workshops that Thrivent offers its members and churches.

Peter called the meeting to order, and Pastor Robert led us in prayer.

**Approval of Minutes from August 14:** Billy Koch, Jackie Frederick Approved by acclamation.

**LIAISON/TEAM PROGRESS REPORTS** – included in packet: August 2011 Finance Reports, Social Ministry Report

**Social Ministry – Bonnie Cook** – Blood drive on September 21, 3-7 pm at St. Michael's Fellowship Hall. Noted that flyers and mailers did not include the place where the blood drive will be held. Pastor Robert spoke regarding the KMHH. The family GAIHN wishes to place in the home is headed by mom with CP; we are looking at putting in a temporary ramp. A brief discussion of ramping:

- ❖ having someone build,
- ❖ purchase an aluminum,
- ❖ or have GAIHN purchase the ramp.
- ❖ Having the ramp belonging to St. M could be beneficial.

**Learning - Pastor Elise** – Rally Day a great success (over 100 people). She and Angela are grateful for help of many folks; even folks without children in Sunday School came out to help and participate. Last Sunday's Sunday school kickoff had attendance of about 60. The Learning Team is still looking for some other Sunday school teachers – in high school, K4-K5. Teachers are excited about material.

**Evangelism: Tonjia Groblewski & Jackie Frederick** – Jackie is following up on welcome bags/packets for visitors. Tonjia and Jackie reported that we still need cooks for Sunday lunch. Our first lunch scheduled is October 30; we usually have our first lunch on the first Sunday in October. Our Sunday lunch ministry is in need of a champion. The world and this congregation are changing. This is an important ministry, but it is getting harder and harder to do. As the world gets more frantic, the Church needs a place where people can sit together. (Further discussion of Sunday Lunch under Action Items) Octoberfest is scheduled for October 15, at the home of Bert and Donna Weathers.

**Youth & Athletics (Nancy)** – Young Youth and Youth kicked off last Sunday with 18 YY and 12 LCY – and about 40 for dinner, including parents. Softball began this last week with a win. Basketball practice begins in October.

**Worship & Music** – (Sandy) – The recent W&M meeting really focused on Altar Guild. Slots are completely filled for this year, and new strategy to get more people is being developed. There was no negative feedback on serving communion by intinction; although we had some discussion about announcing it and making the procedure clear.

**Finance: Donna Weathers:** The Finance Team talked about budget plan and Consecration Sunday plan – thinks that is a great idea. A Teller meeting is suggested, to occur before the end of the year. The Endowment Committee has a meeting planned. St. Michael is setting up a custodial account with Charles Schwab for members wish to contribute stock. Contingencies on contract: Sarah Williams, as St. Michael's Treasurer, is signing to be authorized agent. **Motion: This Council authorizes those elected to the offices of Treasurer and Secretary to act on behalf of the congregation of St. Michael's with regard with any gifts made to St. Michael's through Charles Schwab. Passed by acclamation.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Sarah Williams - absent) – Donna Weathers** – reports included – Our cash position is OK, giving is down. We are getting ready to hit the last quarter of the year, which is historically a higher giving period. Cash reserve is only down about \$1200. Encouraging giving in whatever ways we can. Expenses will be increasing because Pastor Elise has returned to work and our payroll. Projected income is about \$360,000 by end of year. Last year's income was \$382,000. Expenses currently under budget by about \$23,000 – largely because of Pastor Elise's extended absence. **Revise note on 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter statements to ask those who are not at 75% to catch up if possible. Stewardship needs to come together quickly, and emphasize that giving is your blessing...as opposed to your duty.**

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Columbarium – (Peter)** – meeting with Howard Leonard this week; we are in receipt of a second quote from contractor, and are hopefully moving to a point of beginning the project. We need to determine if LMM is biting off more than they can chew with tearing out stairs and other demolition necessary in the courtyard. Peter has taken this on as a personal item, and will continue working on it after his term on Council is completed.

**Thrivent workshop** – Sunday, November 13, 2011

**Growing in God's Mission:** Dates submitted to Synod; waiting for contact from Synod.

**Endowment Committee meeting:** October 11, 2011.

**Nomination committee meeting:** October 3, 2011. On the committee: Jeffrey Stringer, Nancy Adair, Elaine Holland, Donna Weathers Angela Bostick, Peter Strub, Pastor Elise, Pastor Robert. Going off: Peter, Angela, Donna; have not heard from Billy, Sandy, Tonjia, David. **Need to know by the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Nominating Committee so the committee knows how many slots it needs to fill.**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**SC Mission moment.** Mission support quiz bowl.

**What can the synod staff be praying for, for the congregation of St. Michael?**

Columbarium. Youth. Faithful discipleship. Deep & clear sense of who we are.

**What do we hear God saying to us?**

We could be doing more.

Let the word of Christ dwell within you.

Let everything you do be done in the name of Christ.

**Where do we see God in our ministries?**

Habitat build.

Helping family in crisis.

**HVAC Pricing & Use of Facilities Agreement** deferred to Property Team.

**Sunday Lunch** – reiterate that this ministry needs a champion.

- ❖ Folks who have been cooking can ask new folks to help.
- ❖ Many fires burning at St. Michael; this ministry's flame is dwindling – need to add fuel to the fire.
- ❖ Also discussed using Sunday lunch opportunity to welcome new members (in lieu of a New Member Dinner) and give them a chance to interact with more folks, than Council, Sponsors, staff and spouses.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Thermostats** – compatibility with sanctuary system – Peter working on this.

## NEW BUSINESS

**By-Law for Foundation/Constitution Update:** Adam Groblewski, Mary Lee Mowry and David Cooke have agreed to be on committee. Linda will call meeting.

**Girl Scout Liaison** – Mark Haller volunteered, also Donna Weathers. Linda will communicate to Andrea and Kristen.

**Stewardship Campaign** – Billy will get team together. Approach will not be demanding, but emphasizing that giving should be a blessing to the church in response to blessings received. Pastor Robert agrees that the best way to get folks to commit to giving is to say what Billy is saying. Need to get focused on the givers' need to give and not the Church's need to receive, which creates guilt. Need to get past guilt and onto grace. Consecration Sunday program: we had a modified version of that when we had Beth Brotherton and Alvin Dark come to speak. The program works if you follow the directions in book.

## CALENDAR UPDATE/OPPORTUNITIES

- CRAWL Kick-Off, Sunday, September 18
- Blood Drive, Wednesday, September 21
- UM Walk for Homeless, Sunday, October 2
- Octoberfest, Saturday, October 15 – Weathers' home (Need written information from Evangelism for publication)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Presentation, Sunday, October 16
- Confirmation, Sunday, October 30
- Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 30
- Fall clean up. Saturday, November 5, 9:30 am (Need written information from Property for publication)

## ENERGY ASSESSMENT

**What GIVES us energy; what TAKES energy away . . . .**

Baptism today gave energy

Pastor Robert handed out article from LLMI publication with article written by Krystian Babilinski

## DATES AND TIMES OF NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS:

- a. Sunday, October 16, (Alice Mann DVD, *What Size Should We Be?* @ 12:30, then meeting at 1:15 pm (need lunch unless someone signs up to cook Sunday lunch)
- b. Sunday, November 20, 1:15 (Sunday before Thanksgiving)
- c. Sunday, December 18, 1:15 (Sunday before Christmas, but Dec 11 is proposed Caroling, immediately after lunch)

**ADJOURN: 3:55 pm**