

St. Michael Congregation Council Meeting

Meeting held Sun. 6/27/10, 1:15pm

In attendance: Peter, Bill H., Ralph, Nancy, Pastor Robert, Pastor Elise, Sandy, David Cooke, Billy Koch, Angela

Absent: Steve, Tonjia, Donna, Sally, Sarah Williams

1) Devotions and Prayer

- Handout
- Card
- Grow in renewable ways
- PE reads from "In the Name of Jesus", page 45

2) Minutes – Peter presents May 16 minutes

- Nancy moves
- Sandy seconds
- Minutes stand approved

3) Team Reports

- PE spoke re: Giddy Up for God Rally Day – pretzels and ponies! Sun., 8/29/10
- PR thanks Bill Henry for blood drive efforts on 6/9 – 55 donors total, 10 are new, 7 or 8 walk-ins
- PR also gives thanks for Linda's progress – she's doing great!
- other team report info can be found in packets

4) Treasury Report

- Sarah out of town, Donna absent – no one avail to give formal report
- Temple Talks going well, things seem to be improving financially
- PE shares in change of presentation of financial info in bulletins – it's a more positive approach
- \$13,000 behind, but not as bad as it could be, per Peter; it's summertime, so naturally giving is down
- \$15,000 check came in a couple of weeks ago – one time pledged gift
- we will continue monitoring on a monthly basis
- Peter will email a copy of treasury report, to be included in minutes

5) Action Items

A) Peter reminds us that Scott has resigned – we need to fill vacant spot on council

-David Cooke is present and accepts the call to council – welcome, David! Filling is complete

B) Temple Talks – Peter discusses that they've been good, giving has increased. There are rumblings though that some are ready to stop them. Donna W. is ready to quit with them. Bub McConnell also ready to quit w/ them.

-Should we suspend? Maybe do them every other week, or monthly?

-Six council members have spoken thus far

-Council decided to suspend talks for month of July, and resume in August – only once a month for the next 6 months – talks will occur last Sunday of the month

-Peter will update schedule and distribute

C) Fall Stewardship Campaign – PE asked, “do we have a stewardship team?”

-David Cooke offered his advice – struggle of pledge cards has occurred over the last few years; this year, we received back 115 cards of 215 that were sent

-Warren Mowry, Stacy Monteith, David Cooke made up last year's team

-Mikki Wolfe wants to help this year, Warren Mowry wants to lead the team, which all sounded great to the council

-PE led us in prayer, asking God to help the council come up w/ a list of folks that could serve on the Stewardship team – a “nom com” has been really helpful in the recent past in coming up w/ teams (Council, Sunday School teachers, etc)

-PR suggests council should work as a whole to support stewardship and mentioned two books, “Giving to God” and “Ask, Thank, Tell”; he also suggested Cheryl Poole as a candidate for the team

-A Stewardship team meeting time needs to be established

-Council will encourage the new team

-Also discussed quarterly statements and whether they would be emailed/mailed out now, or would we wait until Linda to get back – Peter will discuss w/ Rick Richardson; PR and Nancy will also work with Linda to figure this out

-David suggested we definitely need to send the semi-annual personal giving statements and he also recommended we have a Stewardship campaign to grow our pledged giving

D) Recommended Planned Giving Emphasis

-We need to set up foundation

-Peter will be working on this

-PR also had some input re: set up; will need a committee, grant application, etc?

-There will need to be a congregational vote – probably in the regular December meeting

-Foundation WILL be set up by year's end

6) Information Items

A) Police Report

- PE shared about accident that occurred on 6/11
- Peter, Ralph and Andy will handle the accident report and how St. Michael's was left out of it completely, even though it happened on our property and our banner stand was destroyed; will we qualify for insurance \$?
- PR suggests taking this opportunity to re-do ALL (4) banners and crossbars – as rust on bars is causing banners to tear
- Property Committee update occurred at this point – Ralph Mellom reports
- New rule – you must meet up w/ your “vendor” for repairs, deliveries, etc. at the church
- do not depend on Linda H for this anymore
- need to get a handle on the thermostat – lock it up? Only have certain people w/ access?
- also need to have AC unit checked – may not be cooling properly

B) Columbarium report

- Peter reported that Howard Leonard has been working on this, along w/ Sam Cely
- \$185,000 for entire scope w/o niches; it would hold 512 niches
- Phase 1 would cost \$100,000 per Sam Cely; \$43,000 currently invested by niche holders
- Peter will email a pdf of the plan to the council; Columbarium team will meet in next few weeks
- How will we afford this?

C) Fall Study

- PR wants to lead and wants to give a study on book “Giving to God”; could/should council encourage all classes to do a two Sunday study on “Giving to God”?

7) New Business

- Greenville Country Club wants to use our parking lot on July 9/10 for a big swim meet
- Peter has drawn up a contract for them to sign, will need to add that they need to clean up lot as they find it; Peter will forward this to the council
- Carol Cooke will continue to coordinate this

8) Calendar happenings

- presented by Peter

9) Closing Energy Assessment – What Gives Us Energy?

- Neil Kester wedding
- Y' All Group on Wednesday visited Ginny Goodwill and Emily Blanke, delivered baked goods
- Closing prayer
- Meeting ends at approx 3:45pm

Next council meeting: Sunday, August 15, 1:15pm