

# St. Matthew's Quarterly Congregational Meeting

## October 28, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Don Weltzien and opened with devotion by Pastor Schroeder.

The members in attendance are listed on a separate page attached to these minutes. 41 voting members were present.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2004 quarterly congregational meeting.

### **Membership Changes:**

A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive by transfer and by profession of faith the individuals listed on a separate page attached to these minutes.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to dismiss by transfer by release the individuals listed on a separate page attached to these minutes.

### **Election of Officers and Board Members:**

The following members were elected to the open positions;

Vice-President – Robert Peregrine  
Financial Secretary – Steve Servais  
Board of Elders – James Rusch and Prof. James Schneider  
Board of Education – Jim Lamp  
Board of Outreach – Kyle Koltz and Jon Leverance  
Board of Stewardship – Grover Zwiég  
Board of Trustees – Jeff Andrae and Gary Goessner  
Head Usher – Greg Thurow  
Memorial Trust Fund Trustee (2 yr. term) – Jim Bence  
Memorial Trust Fund Trustee (3 yr. term) – Dennis Wollenzien  
Lakeside Board Member (2 yr. term) – Mike Reidel  
Lakeside Board Member (1 yr. term) – Steve Maas

### **Reports:**

#### **Financial Secretary:**

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Financial Secretary's report as presented.

#### **Treasurer:**

There was quite a bit of discussion about matching gifts and what appeared to be discrepancies in the amount submitted and the amount received. These questions were answered and the members were assured that there were no discrepancies. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

#### **Board of Education:**

The Board is continuing their policy review work.  
The worker training subsidy application process is being developed.  
The Board is concentrating on revamping the Sunday School and Bible Studies classes.

#### **Board of Elders:**

The Board continues their work on returning delinquent members to the church.

#### **Board of Outreach:**

The Board is working on use of the new and old school buildings as outreach tools.

#### **Board of Stewardship:**

The commitment envelopes have been mailed back to members that filled one out.

**Board of Trustees:**

No report.

**Officers:**

There are about 70 people attending Bible studies spread out over the three sessions. 42-43 children are attending Sunday School with the majority being LES students.

**Pastors:**

No additional report.

**Mr. Ziel:**

Mr. Ziel summarized various things regarding school;

- A. There eleven called workers at school (eight full time and 3 part time) and 5 hired staff.
- B. A new testing program will be used this year in 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. It is about the same as the public schools use and is being done in the fall.
- C. A musical was presented this fall entitled "Lewis & Clark-the Musical"
- D. Mr. Jerry Birkholz has been laid up for the last few weeks after having a pacemaker installed.
- E. Mr. Paulsen is attending a technology conference this week.
- F. There are currently two student teachers from MLC in our school, one in first grade and one in seventh grade.
- G. The students are involved in a "Reaching Out Through the New School" poster contest.

**Synod Communicator:**

No report.

**Memorial Trust Fund:**

No additional report.

**Unfinished Business:**

"Rooted in Christ";

- A. Numerous committees have been established and are already at work. About 100 people are involved.
- B. Member visits have started. These visits are intended to share information. They are not for obtaining commitments but to encourage members to prayerfully consider their role in the congregation.
- C. To date about \$335,000 has been raised in commitments and cash.

**New Business:**

There was a motion made and seconded to accept the council's recommendation to adopt the 2005 budget as presented. A possible shortfall in this years' budget was again discussed wondering what can be eliminated in 2005 in order to prevent this next year. Since approximately 80% of the budget is salary or salary related Don Weltzien said the Council would discuss combining salary review and proposed budget at the July congregational meeting so that they are more closely tied together. Don also stated that discussion of the new school project should have no bearing on the annual budget discussion. After all discussion was finished the motion carried.

There was a motion made, seconded and carried that we adopt the following parsonage allowances

- A. That David Rothe be granted a parsonage and housing allowance of \$30,000 designated as part of his ministerial compensation for 2005.
- B. That Kent Schroeder be granted a parsonage and housing allowance of \$30,000 designated as part of his ministerial compensation for 2005.
- C. That Eric Paulsen be granted a parsonage and housing allowance of \$24,000 designated as part of his ministerial compensation for 2005.
- D. That Andrew Rosenau be granted a parsonage and housing allowance of \$26,300 designated as part of his ministerial compensation for 2005.
- E. That Eric Ziel be granted a parsonage and housing allowance of \$20,000 designated as part of his ministerial compensation for 2005.

There was a motion made, seconded and carried that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS our ministers of the gospel may incur related expenses other than those for which they are reimbursed, there be it

Resolved, that any business-related expense that is not reimbursable under the congregation's policy shall be paid by the employee.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rik Krahn, Secretary