

St. Matthew's Quarterly Congregational Meeting
July 26, 2007

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.

Minutes: The minutes of the January meeting were approved as presented.

Additions to the Agenda: 2006 Audit status, formal resignation of Pastor Schroeder.

Membership Changes:

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

A motion was made, seconded and carried to dismiss by transfer, by release and by removal the individuals listed on a separate page attached to these minutes. Added to the list of dismissal by transfer was Timothy Redfield to Faith, Fond du Lac and dismiss by release; Matthew Fontaine, now living in Colorado, Michael Tess, also living in Colorado, Amanda Bauer and daughter Morgan, now living in California, Roger and Michelle Stanover, Katie Stanover, and Sarah Stanover.

Pastor Schultz was received as new voting member.

Election for a Nominating Committee for 2007 was held. The candidates were; Matt Butler, Dale Elowski, Dale Mackdanz, Jon McGarvey, Ralph Schmidt, Jr., Larry Johnson, and Mike Bouche. The results showed Jon McGarvey, Ralph Schmidt, Jr., Mike Bouche, Larry Johnson, Matt Butler were elected to the Nominating Committee. There was a motion made and seconded to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

Grover Zwieg has resigned from the Stewardship Committee due to personal reasons. John Gnewuch has volunteered to fill the remainder of Grover's term (expires the end of 2007). There were no other volunteers. There was a motion made and seconded that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for John Gnewuch. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

The 2006 audit has not been done yet. Don is forming a committee and they should have a report ready for the October congregational meeting.

New Business:

The Church Council made the following recommendations:
That Laura Lai be increased from a .3 to a .9 full-time equivalent teacher because of

expanded duties (with her salary tripled). This will include assisting with the remedial teaching program that is being paid for from the school project fund for the remainder of 2007. There was a motion made and seconded to approve the recommendation. Motion carried.

That Dennis Fletcher's staff minister salary increase from \$1000/mo. to \$1,160/mo. For the remainder of 2007; and that he be given reimbursement for tuition for up to three courses per year at Martin Luther College to attain minister certification. There was a motion made and seconded to approve the recommendation. Motion carried.

George Zaferos has met with various contractors in order to obtain quotes for replacement of all the roofs on our current buildings, especially the school and school gym. He hasn't gotten any quotes back yet but will present them to the council and congregation when they are received and analyzed. There was a motion to authorize the trustees and council to go ahead and have the gym roof replaced first, by whichever contractor they determine is best, without further action by the congregation. Motion carried.

Don read the letter from Pastor Schroeder resigning as pastor at St. Matthew's effective July 31, 2007. A motion to accept his resignation with regrets and thanks was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Reports:

Business Administrator:

George reported that he has been here for four months and has had a chance to review what he has been asked to review. He feels comfortable in his assignments and feels that St. Matthew's has a lot to be thankful for. We have great called workers and staff and it's been enjoyable getting to know everyone and working with them. We also have a great bunch of volunteers that help do the work of the church. Church and school financials have been integrated and things are mostly going very well.

Financial Secretary:

There was a motion made and seconded to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Motion carried.

Treasurer:

There was a motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

Board of Education:

The Board is working on the Ministry Plan. The next board meeting will be next week.

Board of Elders:

The Board continues their usual visits. They are looking into the church's fund raising policy and should have a report on same by October.

Board of Outreach:

The Board is working on the system for tracking the cards they receive each Sunday.

The VBS/Soccer Camp went very well and we had some very positive feedback. Should be even better next year.

Board of Stewardship:

A new chairman has been elected and they should have report shortly.

Shepherd's Staff has been using what supplies were left at the school after the new lunch program went into effect (flour, peanut butter, and oatmeal) to bake cookies for Fellowship Hour.

Board of Trustees:

Thanks much for all the volunteer help in getting the parsonage in shape for the Schultzs.

A dusk to dawn pole light needs to be repaired or replaced. This should be done by this Saturday.

Mulch was spread around in various places throughout our property.

There appears we have a bat problem in the church and school. George has contacted a bat control firm and is waiting to hear from them.

John Drefahl has returned as the school custodian.

A new floor scrubber is needed in the school and prices are being obtained.

Officers:

No report

Synod Communicator:

No report.

Memorial Trust Fund:

There was a motion made and seconded to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

Lakeside Delegate:

No report.

Staff Minister:

Sunday School curriculum is being put together. We have approximately 243 children eligible to attend. Team teaching will be utilized again this year. More teachers are needed.

Dennis and Pastor Schultz are working on delegation of duties.

The next blood drive this Wednesday, 2:30pm to 7:30pm in the Fellowship Center. This is a good community outreach program. The blood bank right now is in desperate need of blood. Please see Dennis to sign up. Encourage others you know to also donate.

Mr. Ziel:

158 students are pre-registered so far, up from 151 last year. We will be having two sessions for pre-kindergarten.

Pastors:

Pastor Schultz gave a summary of his written report that is attached to these minutes. He extends his thanks for the warm welcome and assistance getting settled in.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rik Krahn, Secretary