

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Council Minutes

October 9, 2008

Present:

Ron Tuvey, President Lynn McCallum, Secretary, Ralph Birmingham, Marcia Kjesbu , Karen Olson, Gery Gerst, Jamie Huizinga, Spike Millman, Leo Eliason, VP Business, Carolyn Wagner.

Pastor John Rosenberg, Pastor Chuck Harris, Steve Peterson, Administrator

Absent: Marcia Riggers

Devotions:

Pastor John handed out copies of **Planning as Holy Conversation** by Gil Rendle and Alice Mann published on-line by The Alban Institute. Ideas expressed included how leaders can assist members find worthy goals according to the gifts and resources of the congregation. Meaningful discussion can be centered on “Who are we? ”, “What has God called us to do or be?” and “Who is our neighbor?”

Approval of Minutes: September minutes were approved as amended.

Reports: Steve reviewed the financial reports. Because of delays in hiring staff the shortfall in contributions is only \$1600 for September, smaller than usual.

The Call Committee is sending out postcards announcing plans for the potluck at 5:00 and Installation of Pastor Chuck Harris at the Evening 7:00 services on November 9th.

Spike Millman volunteered to do some Christmas planning.

Kurt Kilsebeck from Texas interviewed for the music coordinator position. However, after much prayer he concluded that LCGS was not the church for him to do his ministry.

Leo reported the new night custodial staff is doing a very thorough cleaning job.

Offerings: There will be members from several committees signing up to take care of offering deposits after the services.

Pastor Harris shared with us his focus on caring ministries of “ownership caring”.

Priorities are given to the ill, homebound, and grieving.

Another focus is the catechumenate process of relationship building with new folks.

Council Retreat

Pastor Chuck will be the facilitator on October 18. Marcia Riggers is the hostess. Books we are reading are Transforming Leadership, Insider or Outsider, and Building an Effective Church Council

Closing: Lord's Prayer

Respectively Submitted, Lynn McCallum
Council Secretary

Attachment: Financial Statement