

Stained/Leaded Glass Window Project/Proposal

Last year, Paul and I attended a fundraising auction for the Grunewald Guild and “won” a custom window (16 square feet of glass). I have been talking with Pastor John and Pastor Chuck and with the leadership team about how such a glass window could be a gift to the congregation. The design would be provided (with our input) by accomplished liturgical artist, Kristen Gilje (until recently the long-time artist in residence at Holden) and the build of the window would be supervised by Joe Hester, the glass artist in residence at the Grunewald Guild. Joe has suggested that we might want to have a special kick off dinner on a Friday night, do a presentation to the congregation about the design and do the build over the next 1-2 days with 2 or 3 volunteer congregation members.

Since it is a challenging sanctuary space, and because I do not believe that anyone at this moment could say (with widespread agreement) exactly what we are about as a congregation (mile wide, inch deep, going in lots of different directions), I am hopeful that Kristen will bring fresh eyes and guidance to help us with some visual definition. I have asked her to meet with key leaders and decision makers and the members of the first task force who are working with Jim Pence, and have suggested that we could perhaps provide a modest stipend to cover her travel expenses and make it worth her while to travel to Olympia (she is currently in Bellingham) prior to settling on a design.

The “Holy Conversations” and work with Jim Pence pertain to this topic in that affirming our mission and vision and goals would have an impact on the imagery we might choose for a window / windows. Additionally, because of the long term plans to eventually build a new sanctuary, we need to be thinking about the possibility of how this window could be the first piece of many windows that could be built to enhance our existing sanctuary and later be moved into a new sanctuary at some time in the future.

Though my goals may be lofty and unrealistic, I have a hope that this glass project could:

- 1) help give the congregation something tangible to be excited about in this time of transition and re-definition
- 2) start to make some long needed changes to the sanctuary to make it a less distracting place visually and provide some calm, necessary for worship
- 3) be the cornerstone of a longer term project to address these concerns.

Respectfully, Carolyn Wagner

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Council will gather more information on fundraising communications on behalf of outside non-profits.

Leadership team will develop agenda for council retreat.

Laura will write the October newsletter article.

COUNCIL MOTIONS

TOPIC	MOTION/ACTION	APPROVED	FAILED
August Minutes	Marcia moved and Ron 2 nd that the council approve the July minutes.	X	
Endorsement of 1st task force for Holy Conversations	Ron moved and Laura 2 nd that the council endorse Karen Olson's appointment as a member of the Mission and Vision Discernment Task Force.	X	
Stained/leaded glass window project	Jamie moved and Marcia 2 nd to accept Carolyn Wagner's offer of a stained glass work whose theme would be based on the Holy Conversations project over the next year.	X	

Respectfully Submitted: Glenn Blackmon

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- d. Living Stones proposal. Deferred until meeting with synod and program staff.
- e. Compensation guidelines. Members discussed past practice, which has reflected a commitment to compensate rostered staff (including Associate in Ministry) at the level of the synod guidelines. Members discussed problems that have arisen in implementing this approach, particularly timing issues and recent budget shortages. Members discussed the need to ensure fair and adequate compensation of staff who are not covered by the synod guidelines. This item was identified as a potential topic during the council retreat on budget priorities.
3. Sheepskin article. Laura will write the October article.
4. Stained glass project. Carolyn reported on her work to develop a plan for a stained glass window as a gift to the congregation (report attached). Jamie moved to accept Carolyn's offer of a stained glass work whose theme would be based on the Holy Conversations project over the next year. Marcia seconded. Motion carried.
5. Requests/encouragement to donate to programs outside LCGS
 - a. Steve reviewed recent discussions about circumstances where it would be appropriate or inappropriate to use the congregation's newsletter or bulletin to communicate fundraising messages for non-profit organizations unrelated to LCGS.
 - b. Members discussed a wide range of concerns, including the possibility that the newsletter would be filled with fundraising solicitations, the financial difficulties of both LCGS and non-profits in the community, and the role of the Social Justice Committee in identifying worthy projects within the community and allocating congregational funds to non-profit organizations.
 - c. Members agreed to ask the Social Justice Committee for more information on these communications on behalf of outside non-profit organizations.
6. Agenda for council retreat in September. The retreat will take place on Sept. 26, location to be announced. The leadership team, Pr. John, and Jim Pence will develop an agenda.
7. Other items.
 - a. Council members discussed the actions by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in August to adopt the social statement on human sexuality and the revised ministry policy. A number of members expressed their support for the actions taken by the assembly and their concerns for those who are disappointed by these actions.

Sending:

Adjourn: 9:15 pm

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 13, at 7:00 pm

Closing: Individual blessings and the Lord's Prayer

Attachments:

Stained/Leaded Glass Window Project/Proposal from Carolyn Wagner

Follow up tasks:

July 2009:

Consider Steve's proposal for OSD insurance funds.

August 2009:

Council members will consider Pr John's request for a policy clarification on Synod guideline salary for called staff.

Council members will submit, and Pr. Chuck will compile, their "three well-crafted sentences."

September 2009:

Council will gather more information on Living Stones proposal.

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Council Minutes September 8, 2009

Present: Laura Adamson; Glenn Blackmon, Secretary; Darcy Huffman, VP Programs; Jamie Huizinga; Marcia Kjesbu; Egils Macs; Karen Olson; Ron Tuvey, VP Business; Carolyn Wagner, President

Ex-officio: Pastor John Rosenberg, Pastor Chuck Harris, Steve Peterson

Absent: Leo Eliason, Spike Millman, Missy Tade.

Carolyn called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Rm 114.

Gathering Time

Pr. John offered an opening prayer. Council members shared their reflections on how Jesus was present with them during the past month. A number of members shared their thoughts.

Practice Accountability (Reports, etc.)

1. Approval of August Minutes: Marcia moved to accept the minutes as presented. Ron seconded. Motion carried.
2. Administrator's report: Steve reviewed the congregation's current income and expenditure status. He noted that actual results are closely tracking the budget, with no particular trends in the level of giving. He reported that the parking lot resurfacing project was successfully completed. Pr. Chuck reported a gift to the congregation of \$618 from Boy Scout Troop 266.
3. Lead Pastor's Report:
 - a. Pr. John reviewed his travel plans and his recent experience teaching a Salmon Nation program at Holden Village.
 - b. He reported a bequest of \$100,000 for the benefit of the building program.
 - c. The Mission & Vision Discernment Task Force is meeting on Sept. 15. Karen Olson has agreed to serve on the task force. Jim Pence will meet with the council leadership team on Sept. 16 to work on the Sept. 26 retreat agenda. Ron moved that the council endorse the appointment of Karen Olson as a member of the Mission and Vision Discernment Task Force. Laura seconded. Motion carried.
 - d. Signing of contracts with music leaders, organist, and accompanist is still in progress
4. Associate Pastor's Report:
 - a. Pr. Chuck has provided the new confirmation process guidebook to 22 families who are in the confirmation program and is meeting with families individually. Council members expressed their appreciation to Pr. Chuck for the approach taken in the revised process and shared their experiences with confirmation.
5. Associate in Ministry's Report - none
6. Other reports - none.

Implement our Mission and Goals:

1. Request of the Living Stones Ministry for Good Shepherd to provide bookkeeping services. Steve reported that the leadership team will meet with representatives of the synod and Living Stones for the purpose of achieving a mutual understanding of the responsibilities and expectations with this request. The meeting has not yet been scheduled.
2. Review of action items.
 - a. Names for worship styles. This has been an action item since November 2008. Pastors and staff have found ways of conveying worship styles within various contexts, such as on signs and notices. This can be removed as an action item.
 - b. Sheepskin article. Darcy wrote the September article.
 - c. United Way Day of Caring. Laura has organized a team of Good Shepherd members.