

Minutes are unapproved until the next Council Meeting

**COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES
MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2009**

Deliverables appear in bold.

List of Attendees is attached.

Moderator, Kevin Jonell, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Kevin stated that the date for the next meeting should be changed in the consent agenda from February 28 to February 25, 2009.

Brian Henderson and Anne Jernberg gave the concerns of the Calvary family; Nancy Hoffmaster led the devotion with readings from “Crisis and Compassion” by Roy Medley, an article by Clarence Brown from the Modern Mature Newsletter, and excerpts from Martin Luther King, Jr. on how to find opportunities during the current economic challenges.

Minutes of the December 17, 2008 meeting were approved by acclamation. Anne noted that her name was misspelled in those minutes.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda as amended was approved by acclamation.

Financial Report: Blake Sieker – The December 31, 2008 financial report is attached. Year to Date income was unfavorable to budget by only \$4,506. Expenses were favorable to budget for the year by \$52,294 leaving a net surplus of approximately \$47,788. Some minor year-end adjustments still need to be made. Blake Sieker moved from the budget balancing committee that the budget surplus be managed as follows: \$6,000 accrual for Titus final expenses; \$15,000 to Communication for Outreach to make up for the budget cuts earlier in 2008; \$15,000 to a Capital Repair and Replacement fund; and the balance to go to fund balance. As the motion was made from committee, no second was required. The motion passed. Pledged income for 2009 was approximately \$45,000 more than projected. The proposed 2009 budget is attached. Blake Sieker moved that the budget be approved as presented. Susan Wirt seconded the motion. The motion passed. Kevin expressed thanks to the finance committee for their efforts.

Care & Congregational Life (CCL): Nancy Hoffmaster – there is feeling that name tags should be used permanently. The expense could be several hundred dollars. The possibility will be discussed at the next ministry meeting. **Sara Sieker and Jean Myatt have agreed to help with the committee for an updated pictorial directory.** Bobslyn Kidd-Spence and Judy Holmes are sending sympathy cards to congregants who are grieving. This is a new outreach. A new Wednesday night series will begin March 4, 2009 and run for four sessions for people in job transitions. Jack and Steve Hulst will lead the first session on resume writing and interviews. A

business directory is being developed for posting on the website. **The goal is to have the business directory posted by April 1, 2009, but it might take longer.**

Celebration In Worship: Margie Jonell – the Christmas season went well. There were no negative comments for not having the Festival of Lights. Nanci Campbell and Karen Bennett led the unhooking of the greens. Music Appreciation Sunday will be February 8, with all choirs participating, and the awarding of the Russell Heckman Music Award. Kevin Padworski will begin as Director of Music February 1. Charlotte Million will be directing on February 1, and 8. The choir will have a celebration at rehearsal February 5 to welcome Kevin and to thank Charlotte for her leadership.

Anne Jernberg reported that the first Taize service at The Threshold was very well attended, about 50 participants, and that moving Taize seems to have also increased attendance at the other Sunday evening Threshold services.

Communication for Outreach (CFO): Bill Ponikvar reported a possible sister church relationship with the congregation in Japan that Margie Jonell is connected with. Global and local missions are discussing purchasing six sewing machines for the Sudanese congregants as the machines need to be the same. In addition \$1,000 will be given to the Sudanese mission. **Brian Henderson and Bill will be visiting all of the local recipients of Calvary's mission dollars. The 9-Health Fair will continue at Calvary this year on April 25.** John Kimley will be the chair. **Training is being planned for ushers, leaders, and volunteers who serve at the kiosk. A new welcome package is being developed. The tag on the bread given to visitors will be enhanced to include a coupon for coffee and conversation with one of the pastoral staff. To expand our hospitality congregants should ask visitors an open-ended question to stimulate conversation.** There were 24 men at the first meeting for the Men's Bible Study. The next meeting will be February 2. Currently, they will rotate facilitation within the group for each Bible study.

Cultivation Through Education: Lori Grohskopf – **"Friday's Together" will be held beginning January 30 through May on the last Friday of each month.** The experience is for all age groups, and will begin with a meal, and include a time to break into groups for children, youth and adults. The first evening will be on communication. The youth will serve a free meal. Love gifts to benefit the youth's mission plans will be appreciated. This will be an opportunity to invite friends and neighbors, and there will be an e-vite on the web. **Anne Jernberg will be leading a Sunday morning series alternate to the established classes. The first one will be in the chapel and is titled "What Would Jonah Do?"** Christine Zeiler emailed a survey to parents of Calvary's children to determine possible interest in a week-long all day Bible School to be held in June that could also substitute for childcare. There was minimal response to that survey. There were additional suggestions from Council, and two members, Nanci Campbell and Bobslyn Kidd-Spence, expressed interest in volunteering. The targeted age group would be from four years old through fifth grade. **Another survey will be conducted.**

Resource Management: Gordon Sieker – The roof repair is about complete; minor finish work is left. The ministry ended 2008 on budget. Jon Mikesell and Gordon are both going off of the ministry. Gordon will continue to be available for minor repairs around the church building.

Marketing: Jackie Howard – The devotional booklet is underway. There were five more who volunteered than what were requested. Jackie took an informal poll of the volunteer campaign with the results that the campaign was a good thing to do, but could stand some minor tweaking.

Nominating: Tim Michel – The last position for 2009-2010 was filled. Tim distributed the ballot to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

New Business: Mike Boggess – presented the proposed Contractor Policy Manual. Susan Wirt suggested changing the references to “company” on page six to “church” to be consistent with the rest of the document. Mike made a motion to adopt the manual as presented. Susan Wirt seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin thanked the Council members whose terms were expiring, and said they would be formally recognized at the Annual Meeting. Kevin also expressed thanks to the stewardship committee for their efforts.

Kevin adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Weese
Church Secretary

Next Meeting: February 25, 2009 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Fireplace Room; Retreat Saturday, March 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for Devotions for the February and April meetings and the March retreat. Please contact Kevin.