

Minutes are unapproved until the next Council Meeting

**COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2009**

Deliverables appear in bold.

List of Attendees is attached.

Moderator Elect, Susan Wirt, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Susan welcomed everyone, especially the newly elected members to Council. Susan stated that the decision had been made that the devotion should speak directly to current concerns, situations, etc.

Anne Jernberg gave the devotion focusing on a comparison of rebuilding the temple described in Haggai, and continuous rebuilding at Calvary. Council members are the spiritual leaders of the congregation, and that we should be encouraging for the coming together and rebuilding of our church body.

Minutes of the January 21, 2009 Council meeting, and the **Consent Agenda** for February 25, 2009 were approved by acclamation.

Brian Henderson gave a short talk on the state of the congregation noting the energy and positive dynamic.

Financial Report: Rhonda Magee-Jenks, Treasurer – The January 31, 2009 financial report is attached. Since elections at the Annual meeting, leadership is assessing needs, Bruce Whitaker is addressing IT issues including security and backup, and Rhonda and Bruce are working on the year-end closing of the financial records. Rhonda suggested that the Treasurer should be considered as part of the finance committee, and that the chair of the investment committee should also be a part of the finance committee. Jackie asked that those changes be decided and communicated prior to final communicating of the organizational structure. **There was a procedural question as to whether the change could just be done, or if the by-laws dictated the organizational structure, if there would need to be a change in the by-laws.** Income for January was more than budget due to some annual pledges that were paid in total in January, and a bequest. Expenses were in line with budget. There was prepaid insurance under Resource Management that skewed the expenses for that ministry, but overall actual income and expenses are in line with the budget.

Care & Congregational Life (CCL): Nancy Hoffmaster – Permanent name tags will take a while, but they are coming. **The Property committee will assist in determining how the tags will be permanently displayed.** Nancy asked if there was any objection from Council to Stephen Ministry posting information in the restrooms. There was none. The series on Economic Crises will begin on Wednesday, March 4, and people should sign up on the flyers each Sunday. Nancy requested more participants for the sessions. **People need to complete the job survey for the professional directory Jackie Howard is putting together. Jackie will**

post the directory on the web as soon as is reasonable after enough people complete the forms. Life Touch will be doing the new pictorial directory tentatively in May. Mason Brown and Judy Holmes will make arrangements for chancel flowers to be delivered to at-homers if the flowers are unclaimed. Adventures with Anne (Jernberg) are going well, and Anne will be leading chair exercises at monthly Modern Matures meetings.

Celebration In Worship: Nanci Campbell – the choir gave a nice thank you to Charlotte Million for interim director service. Anne Jernberg wrote a song the choir sang to Charlotte, and Charlotte appreciated the song very much. Kevin Padworski was welcomed as the new Director of Music at the same event. Music Appreciation Sunday was fun, with all choirs participating, and Margie Jonell was completely surprised as this year's recipient of the Russell Heckman Award. **There will be a concert series this year and Kevin Padworski will be featured along with other participants. Kevin is putting the program together. Easter Sunrise Service will be held again this year, but it will be simpler with not as much setup required. Jackie will mail notices to the neighborhood.** Nanci expressed appreciation for the chancel and pew stewards who keep things looking nice and in order in the worship areas. May 17 the kids will perform a concert to wrap up the academic year.

Communication for Outreach: Jim Roos reported that Gordon Kieft will be receiving an award at the biennial in Pasadena for his 25 years with the counseling center at Calvary. Missions did receive an extra \$15,000 at year end. Calvary is contributing \$300 monthly, \$3,600 annually to the Threshold as part of that shared ministry for Taize. Calvary purchased 5 sewing machines for the Sudanese, and \$7,900 was given to Habitat for Humanity. Brian Henderson and Bill Ponikvar visited MetroCare Ring as part of the plan to visit all local agencies to which Calvary contributes. Brian and Bill will be visiting successive agencies on the second Monday of each month. Everyone needs to remember to bring items for the food banks the first Sunday each month. **Reminders should be publicized in worship and also in the Messenger, and the tables for receiving the food items could be moved to the center of the narthex as a visual reminder. An email blast to the congregation a few days before the first Sunday of the month was also suggested to remind people.** Calvary donated 1,000 pounds of food during 2008; MetroCare Ring distributes approximately the same amount per day.

Hanna Massad is coming to Calvary. Calvary is contributing \$2,500 for the youth mission trip. Miguel de la Torres will be at the FIA meeting February 28, Saturday from 10:30 to 12:30 discussing immigration issues at a more personal level rather than a political or policy level.

Cultivation Through Education: Lori Grohskopf – there were approximately 100 people at the last "Friday's Together" and the survey responses were very positive. Anne's Jonah series is going well, and there were 45 people the first Sunday, 20 of whom had not been attending a church school class previously. The pastor's class for 6th graders will begin April 19, and baptism will be May 31. There are a few others who will be baptized at that time in addition to the 6th graders. Signage is being placed to indicate the church school class rooms for both children and adults. **Vacation Bible School is still under discussion.**

Resource Management: Walter Rowell – The ministry held an organizational meeting in January. **Volunteers are needed to assist Bruce with contract management.** There is a long

range plan, but no capital in the budget at this time. **Metal drain covers will be replaced soon as they are getting very bad.** The recent leak in the narthex was a result of the heating system and had nothing to do with the new roof. There was damage to some ceiling tiles that now need to be replaced. Alice Ormiston is leaving the position of chair person of the Memorial Committee, and Earlene Ramay will be taking her place. Dave Crane is vacating the chair of Risk Management, and Sharon Murphy will assume that position. **The church is exploring obtaining a defibrillator;** Steve Hulst has been trained in usage of that equipment. **Medical identifiers are being considered when the new name tags are placed into service. Gordon Pelton would be a good resource for those medical identifiers.**

Marketing: Jackie Howard – Jackie suggested that persons responsible for their ministries' year end reports keep notes during the year. There was record attendance at this year's annual meeting. Microphones should be available next year for speakers from the congregation. The purpose of the annual meeting should be defined to the congregation before hand, and it is a good opportunity for Council members to advertise their roles. Jackie suggested having pictures of Council members and their roles posted in the church similar to the board in the east hall for staff. Leaders should check the church calendar, and with the office for scheduled events and room assignments so as not to create conflicts. The calendar for the year is posted on the web.

The question was asked, and it was determined, that Council meetings are open, but guests cannot make motions or vote.

New Business: Brian Henderson – distributed the covenant wording (attached) for a possible sister church relationship with ShinAi Church, Juso, Osaka City, Japan, the church started by Margie Jonell's parents. Margie would be the point person at Calvary to facilitate the relationship. The congregation is a small, but stable. Jim Roos moved that we enter into the relationship with ShinAi Church as detailed in the covenant. Rhonda Magee-Jenks seconded. The motion passed. Brian signed the covenant for Calvary and will mail it to Reverend Iwao Masu for his signature and to return to Calvary. The relationship will involve mutual prayer, education, pictures, greetings, and encouragement. The possibilities for "missionary in residence" (pastor coming from ShinAi), and one of Calvary's pastors going to ShinAi for a two week stay will be explored.

Susan adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Brian closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Weese
Church Secretary

Next Meeting: Will be announced at the retreat, which is Saturday, March 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Anne asked that everyone bring their picture of the council member for whom they are praying. Lunch provided (vegetarian choice will be included)

Volunteers are needed for Devotions for the April meeting. Please contact Kevin. Brian will prepare the devotion at the March retreat.