

Abiding Grace Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

August 13, 2012

Sharing God's love and grace with All!

Council members present: Nick Billardello, Kim Haggerty, Phil Hart, Patti Langsdale, Ray Morrell, John Nelson, Bridgette Shamburger, Joan Veazy

Absent: Lisa Harrington, Karen Hurtado, Jonathan Kraatz, Ali Sakakeeny, Kim Saunders

Opening devotion

Patti opened with a devotion at 7:00 p.m. (Day by Day with William Barclay)

Lisa will have devotions for next meeting.

Approval of July council meeting minutes

Nick moved, Patti seconded a motion to accept minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's report

Phil presented the Treasurer's report. Operating fund revenue was \$16,678 with expenses of \$17,087. We also add Capital Fund revenue of \$29,136.

Phil Hart made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; seconded by Ray Morrell. Motion passed.

Committees

The council agreed that having the committee reports compiled before the meeting was a good idea. Please continue to send them to Kim Saunders by the Friday before the council meeting.

Finance

John asked some questions about the new ICON0-CMO software. Is this something we will use for data gathering, Stewardship, Time and Talent, New Members, Pledges, Directory? Dee Rose is having some issues with the software and Michael C. is being called in for assistance. Lynette says that the software use is imminent. We hope to be using the new software by November 11 which is Pledge Sunday.

Stewardship

Stewardship will provide a recommendation regarding a laminated giving card to place in tray during offering on Sundays for those who give electronically.

Acknowledgement of new chairpersons:

Fellowship – Linda Gaffney

Outreach – Lynne Freeman

Finance – Lisa Harrington

Altar Guild (part of W&M) – Lisa Derasaugh

September Calendar – John Nelson reminded us to send information.

OLD BUSINESS:

Property Purchase Update:

- Offered \$930,000.00
- Negotiations on other items and price
- Offer is with Realtors for Review
- Signed offer needs to be submitted, original MIF 800K changed to “preliminary”
- With second Final signed offer , go in with \$825K loan

This discussion will be had with the congregation next Sunday. We will request authorization of \$850K.

Difference between the two amounts on a 15 year note is \$5500.00 a month or \$5700.00

Items we need to consider:

Ownership - future vision– usage of building – Property Committee to review

Consultant Review – report to be reviewed by Pastor Nick and John Nelson

Discussion among members regarding some suggestions presented from the consultant.

Patti Langsdale shared information from some training she attended. The consultant broke the law by taping our children without consent.

Patti Langsdale is going through training on Child Abuse – her certification recognized for use at AGLC.

Need to evaluate all pictures on the website, marketing materials, Capital Campaign, etc and create a “Release to Photograph” form.

Joan Veazey will get a “Release for Photo Use” form.

Next Council Meeting will begin with “most intriguing bible verse of the week” question to each member. This will take place just before the devotional.

Pastor Nick volunteered to fix the Handicap Cones to prevent the signs from turning.

Phil Hart will research/purchase two Visitor Parking Signs – approximately \$60.00

October Retreat to be discussed after reviewing the consultant's report.

Pictures to begin next Sunday by Rachel Sakakeeny for :

Council Members

Committee Chairs

Staff

"Awareness" conference will be held by Mary Frances over a Friday & Saturday at AGLC, sometime in the future. The conference is about Churches Starting Churches. May need help with hospitality/assistance. Pastor Nick will advise.

Executive Committee will discuss how AGLC can support members deciding to go to seminary school. Monetary support will differ depending on the degree path chosen.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor Nick suggests that Time and Talent sheets be sent soft copy to everyone. All committees are to review and present any changes, additions and/or deletions by our next Council Meeting, September 10. John Nelson will send it out soft copy.

Pastor Nick – one of our new members who joined last Sunday, August 12 is a current trained Stephen Minister. This ministry will begin soon.

Rally Day is Sunday, August 26.

Ray Morrell made a motion to adjourn; Patti seconded.

Closing prayer – Pastor Nick

Meeting concluded at 8:38 pm

Next meeting: Monday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by,
Kim Saunders

(Minutes of the meeting were taken by Kim Haggerty)

Committee Reports for August 13, 2012 Council Meeting

Christian Education – John Nelson

Rally Day will be Sunday, August 26. Materials produced by the ELCA will be used: " Learning to Be Faith-Walkin' Faith Talkin' People." A postcard with information on Rally Day will be sent to all members a week prior to the day. Marcy McTaggart will be the superintendent again this year and all teachers are in place.

Fellowship – Kim Haggerty

Linda Gaffney accepted the position of Fellowship Chairperson.

Finance – Phil Hart

Paul Harrington has volunteered to complete an inventory of church property.

Lisa has all the signatures for the bank accounts except for Bridgett's (she is out of town).

Lisa and Phil attended an IconCMO Accounting Webinar to learn more about their accounting module. We currently use QuickBooks for finance and are starting to use IconCMO for membership and financial secretary records.

Member Care – Joan Veazey

None

Outreach – Karen Hurtado

Lynne Freeman has agreed to be the chair of the Outreach Committee.

An e-mail was sent to all project leaders inviting them to the Outreach Committee meeting scheduled for: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22 at 7:00pm at Abiding Grace. We will discuss current Outreach projects and the Outreach mission/vision. Project leaders were asked to invite any congregational members that they feel will contribute the committee.

Outreach Project for August 2012: "GRACE Clothing Room Coordinator Dina Pesina is busy gearing up the GRACE Clothing Room for Back-to-School clothing needs. The Clothing Room urgently needs boys' and young men's clothing of all sizes, especially husky sizes for young boys. The stock of male clothing was depleted after May's Ridge Crest apartment fire. Young, active boys tend to wear out their clothing quickly, so families typically have fewer of these items available to donate at Donation Station. Other needed items include new socks and underwear of all sizes, as well as new or gently used shoes." John Nelson was given information on clothing needs and has printed this information on the web site. It is also listed

in the bulletins. (And Pastor Nick is announcing this project during Sunday services.)

Continuing project: Mayo for GRACE.

Continuing project: Hood Cemetery.

Personnel – Jonathan Kraatz

None

Property – Ray Morrell

None

Stewardship – Bridgette Shamburger

New Stewardship chair is Jim Looft. We need to help them add a few more people.

Fall Stewardship will begin on 10/14 and Pledge Sunday will be 11/11. The theme is Brick by Brick. Temple Talks will continue year round. On Stewardship Sunday, the youth will provide a breakfast and Sunday School may want the donation boxes again so that the kids can choose where to donate.

We need to be sure we are getting the time and talent sheets from new members. The committee discussed having a laptop so the new members could sign up on Sundays. They committee would also like to have new member Sundays; invite them to a New Member Orientation Class in advance of joining; and possibly having a lunch for them. Church Council would be responsible for the lunch.

New members also should be offered the opportunity to pledge to the capital campaign.

Other ideas included providing cards from Vanco to allow families that give electronically to have a slip to put in the offering plate.

The committee would like to increase awareness of Time, Talent, and Treasure year round. This can be accomplished by monthly temple talks. These could center around how lives are affected by Abiding Grace, what do you want Abiding Grace to “build” within the community (Brick by Brick theme, based on Cornerstone text) BE A BRICK. Holy Spirit is the “mortar.

Worship and Music – Patti Langsdale

As there was no pressing business, Worship and Music did not meet this month. We are

pleased to announce that Lisa Derasaugh will take over as head of Altar Guild. We would like to express our appreciation to Tonya Tomlin for two years of devoted service and leadership. From the service in the park, to the new altar, she has worked to make our "space" a Christ-centered place of worship.

The next meeting of W&M will be the first Sunday in September at 9:30 a.m.

Youth – Ali Sakakeeny

(From Mary Walls) July was a great month for the five girls that attended the national youth gathering! They had a great time gearing up for New Orleans, and once it was the Sunday before we left, I could tell it was going to be a great trip. The girls got to experience a different culture, state, and worshiped with 33,000+ youth from all over the world.

It will be impossible to top the great experience of New Orleans, but we have planned to go bowling with the Middle school and High school youth at Main Event on Monday, August 20. For the younger kids, we will be hosting a Parents Night Out on Friday, August 24th from 6-9pm. The high school youth will be helping lead the kids in games, snacks, and a drive-in movie of "Cars." This will give the parents a chance to go have date night, run errands, dinner, etc.