

Abiding Grace Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

June 13, 2012

7:30pm

### **Sharing God's love and grace with All!**

Council members present: Nick Billardello, Carl Christensen, Tim Draney, Nolan Clemens, Phil Hart, Susie Henning, Patti Langsdale, John Nelson, Donn Renwick, Kim Saunders

Absent: Kim Haggerty, Kenn Mingus, Ali Sakakeeny

Others Present: Lisa Harrington

### **Opening Devotion**

Pastor Nick read one of the prayers from the prayer vigil.

### **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**

Carl moved to accept the May minutes, Susie seconded. Minutes were approved

### **Treasurer Report**

Securities can be given as an offering. Lynette Clemens will handle this. An authorized signer can write a check to transfer the funds to our regular account. Lisa Harrington will have the Fidelity account checks.

Nolan asked to delay the treasurer report until he and Phil have transferred the information to a database. By Saturday, the books will transfer from Nolan to Lisa Harrington.

Treasurer's report was delayed and will be approved at the congregational meeting Sunday.

### **Council Reports**

Donn – Property. This will be covered later in the meeting.

Patti – Worship and Music. Lee has given Patti the list of music that he needs between now and the end of the year. The amount needed is \$850. This money is in the W&M budget.

Lee will order the material. Tonya Tomlin is resigning from leading Altar Guild in August. Patti has approached another member and she is considering being the lead.

There was some discussion about the cost of fencing during the Great Day of Service. We think that Mid-Cities Care Corp will be paying a portion of it.\*

As we get bigger and more people involved, each council member will take one committee.

Kim Saunders will create a list of council and committee liaisons for one of the bulletin boards.

## **Old Business**

### Accounting Issues and solutions using IconMCO software

\_Mike Coticchio is helping set up the new church software.

There was some discussion about maintain the membership there and also on a spreadsheet.

Phil mentioned that at this point, we are still transitioning to the new software.

### Approval of final procedures on stocks and bonds process

Phil moved to accept the “Gifts of Marketable Securities Including Stocks and Bonds” procedures.

Carl seconded. Motion passed.

Thanks to Nolan and Donn for getting the account opened at Fidelity.

### Phone

The Abiding Grace number on the website creates a text message from voice messages. Patti, John, and Nick get these messages.

### Disciple Life

We made our pledge and paid our first six months of that pledge.

### Results of the Capital Campaign

Stewardship and Property met last Monday night and went over the Capital Campaign. Pastor Nick's letters were very encouraging. The campaign was run very well. The electronic giving option has already been set up. We had 81 pledges with the results of \$500,585.

### **New Business**

#### Changing of the council - process

New members of council will be elected on Sunday at the congregational meeting. Tim Draney will be leaving council. Do we need to immediately elect a new president so that important papers can be signed between Sunday and the next meeting. John mentioned that based on the constitution, Tim will remain President until another president is elected. The next council meeting is July 8.

The new council can meet between June 17 and July 8 to elect a president and vice president, have committee liaisons, and to bring the new council members up-to-date. The new council will meet after the congregational meeting to decide when they can meet to elect a president and vice president.

If you have anything that needs to be turned over to the next leaders, please give them to John.

### Next steps on property purchase – presentation at Congregational meeting

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Tim passed out an outline for the Congregational Meeting.

Items to be covered :

High level treasurer's report

Results of Capital Campaign

Property Review

Current status of permanent location

Council review and recommendation

Vote on accepting recommendation of Council

If approved,

Complete a letter of Intent to Purchase

Outline conditions of offer and time frame

Inspections (Chip Sakakeeny thinks this will cost about \$20,000)

Conditions of Sale

Contingencies

Offer price

Deposit required

Application to ELCA/MIF (Mission Investment Fund) for mortgage

Readiness Letter has been submitted

MIF projections spread sheet has been submitted

Awaiting projected amount allowed

Formal loan application

If not approved

Discussion on what should be sought

## Recommendations to the property committee

### Offer Price

\$1.6 million asking price.

Based on our calculations on loan qualification combined with down payment, our offer will be between \$750,000 and \$900,000.

We need to know the amount that will be given in the near future. This information is available from the pledge cards. Lynette Clemens has the pledge cards and can give us this information. Pat Deaver of the MIF uses the church's budget to determine the loan amount. The ELCA is very conservative in looking at the budget. We need approximately 150,000 plus the loan amount to purchase the building.

Phil moved that the council recommends that we have an offer of intent to buy the property with the offer of a range of 750,000 - \$900,000. Nick seconded. Motion passed.

### Elections

We will have written ballots in case we have nominations from the floor.

### Tim's views on future activities for Council

A home -- need a permanent home for the church to grow

Growth -- more people in the door.

Tim thanked us for being on council.

We thanked him for leading us!

Nick was contacted by a company that makes folders for relocation companies. We can be the only church on the folder for \$400. Carl moved to approve \$400 to advertise on the folders. Patti seconded. Motion passed.

Nick will be taking a Thursday off in June. He will be off on two Sundays in July and Lee will be preaching.

July 29, we will be recognizing John Saeger's 57<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary.

### **Closing**

Next meeting is Sunday July 8, 2012

Nick closed the meeting in prayer.

Meeting closed at 9:35 pm.

### **\*After the meeting**

Patti sent the following email about Mid-Cities Care Corp.

I checked with Chip about Mid-Cities. He said that although Duane is willing to pay half the costs, he spoke with Pr. Nick about billing Mid-Cities, and Pr. Nick said to talk with Kim H. Kim H. said not to go back to Duane for 1/2 the Mid-Cities costs since we came in under budget for The Great Day of Service and have the money to pay for it ourselves. All of the expenses have already run through our church account. It would be very awkward to go back to Duane at this point, in my opinion. If you think of any other questions, let me know. I will print out the cost sheet for you for Sunday.