

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

24 March 2011

I. Call to order

Vice President Sash Eirich called to order the Council Meeting of the Redeemer Lutheran Church LCMS at 7:05 pm on March 24, 2011 in the Fellowship Hall.

II. Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Todd.

III. Attendance

Council members present:

Sash Eirich – Vice President, Wally Kelly – Secretary, Dan Neibuhr – Board of Elders, Denise Rogers – Stewardship, Shirley Mellick – Congregational Care; Todd Schroeder – Pastor, Kimberly Shaver – Treasurer, Tom Valenti – Evangelism, Rachelle Ward – Fellowship, Rebecca Willhoite – Education, Susan McCoy – Community Service.

Others present:

Rebecca Redeker, Business Trustee

IV. Order of Business

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

The minutes from the February 24 Council meeting were approved as written.

Officer/Board/Standing Committee Reports

Treasurer: See the attached Treasurer's Report dated 03/24/11.

Overall expenditures have exceeded offering and other revenue by \$7,000 to date in this budget year.

\$400 in LCEF funds has been received and applied to the mortgage loan.

Thrivent choice dollars will be discussed under new business.

President: Books are ready for the financial review committee. Only Elmer Peterson has committed to be on the Financial Review Committee. Action on this item was tabled until the return of Redeemer's President.

Vice President: A list of potential nominees was circulated that reflected interest shown on the time and talent sheets. The nominating committee will be meeting before the voter's meeting (but after April 7).

Secretary: No report.



Pastor: New member Sunday is April 10.

The seminar originally scheduled for this same Sunday has been cancelled. Pastor would like to reschedule this during the fall.

The council retreat is scheduled for May 20-21.

Board Reports

Elders: See the attached Board of Elders agenda dated March 23.

An attendant has not been found for the nursery after searching both within and outside the church.. The nursery will remain parent supervised for now. \$2,800 was received as designated funds for the purpose of hiring a nursery attendant and the donor has requested its return if the funds are not used as specified. The tax implications of returning these funds in a year following when they were received will be researched by the Treasurer before returning the money.

Trustees: The Budget Committee has not met.

There is a need for church cleaning before Easter.

There is no need for a special offering to fund VBS, it is adequately funded.

Education: See the report dated March 10, 2011.

The Board of Education is working on implementation of the Child Abuse Policy.

Evangelism: See the attached report dated March 10,

The Evangelism Seminar was held as scheduled. A letter of appreciation was received from Trinity, Walla Walla which contained a \$50 check for Redeemer's outreach program. This will be used to pilot the Random Acts of Kindness program to be conducted by Evangelism Board members. Plans are to ultimately begin the Random Acts of Christian Kindness program with 20 envelopes, each containing \$20.

A sample Easter mailing to new residents of Richland was circulated.

Two concerts are planned this summer, one on June 10 and one on a Sunday afternoon in early September. No groups have committed to performing yet.

Stewardship: See the report dated March 10, 2011.

Youth: Rachele Ward reported for the Youth Board.

The God Squad will help with Sharefest.

The only event planned in April is serving Easter Breakfast by the High School youth.

A swimming party is planned for May.

Congregational Care: The Congregational Care Board has been lending medical equipment. More equipment is accumulating.

Community Service: The Community Service Board has been busy with Sharefest.

\$416 was received through designated offerings. The groceries and non food items being collected will be given to the gospel Mission and Second Harvest.

Three homes in Richland will serve as service projects.

Fellowship: The progressive dinner originally scheduled for March has been cancelled.

The potluck which had been planned for April 10 has been cancelled with the seminar.

Members are needed to provide food items for a dinner for the Concordia



Bronxville Choir Singers on May 19.
Fellowship would like to include money in next year's budget to fund improvements to the kitchen but will wait until plans and possibilities can be reviewed with Dan Gorton or Roy Wolfe to determine a logical approach.

Unfinished Business:

The Arrowhead property will be back on the market in two weeks. The requirement for 24 hour notice before the property can be shown will be removed. A realtor has been consulted regarding possible improvements and none are recommended that would improve the financial return. Roberta Kellenberger's note to the Business and Maintenance Trustees at the time the property was given to the church was submitted to Council (see attached). Her stated desire was to have the house used for Christian programs.

New Business

The next Voter's Meeting is scheduled for May 1. The Budget Committee's recommendation for use of the funds resulting from the sale of the Arrowhead property will be on the agenda.

The next council meeting is scheduled for April 28. Meeting time will be 7:00 since the meeting with Pastor Adams has been cancelled due to a conflict.

The Board of Elders has assumed the responsibility of administering the Helping Hands ministry. A new checking account will be established to facilitate this. The Board of Elders will develop written policies and procedures.

Pastor Meyer has been visiting shut ins as authorized by the Board of Elders and the funds required for this ministry have exceeded the budget. A motion to redirect \$500 from within the Elder's budget to be used for Pastoral Visitations was seconded and approved.

A policy statement to be applied when selecting and accepting candidates for the Board of Elders was presented to council (see attached). Action on this item was tabled until the April 28 council meeting to give Council members time for review.

Thrivent choice contributions to Redeemer are typically less than \$100 per month. March's contribution was \$3,210. This money was accepted into the general fund. Future contributions are expected to return to more typical values of less than \$100 per month.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved.

Closing Prayer: The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wallace Kelly, Secretary

