

COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 21, 2006

We Assemble in God's name. Devotions were lead by Pastor Gore. We need to make things “relevant” to encourage people to worship here. We need to help them feel a part of a community. The sermon must be relevant as to how we apply the Word to the now. We must let people know that they all have something to give to the church. It is our job to “nurture the body of Christ.”

We are called to order and service in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We offer praise and thanksgiving for those present:

Bud Sackett, Property	Jim Arcaro, Worship and Music
Jack Parkomaki, Christian Education	Duffy Guthrie, Council President
Pastor Frank Gore	Mike Malys, Stewardship
Marsha Taylor, Social Ministry	Pat Haas, Abiding Memorial
Marne Gonzales, Council Secretary	Nancy Guthrie, evangelism
Bob Hybert, Finance Officer	

A quorum is declared with at least five of nine members present.

WE CELEBRATE OUR PAST

Minutes from our previous meeting were read and approved with one correction. Wording to indicate that Pat Haas is finding someone to help with both CAMA as well as the L.E.A.F. project.

Communication and Correspondence. Two letters were read from Pastor. One was a thank you to Heidi Parkomaki for becoming the contact person for the Block Party, and the other letter was explaining the need for 10-day advance notice on ECHO articles and bulletin entries. Nancy explained how sending those by e-mail to Shirley would make her job much easier. She can just cut and paste rather than have to retype them.

Finance Report: Treasurer's Report. Bob Hybert reports the Benevolence giving is at 73.2% of what is budgeted. We are still meeting our tithe. The General Fund Income is 75.6% of budget. We need \$12,930 each month. We are encouraging people to consider upgrading their stewardship giving.

There has been a \$1,000 gift to the Abiding Memorial Fund.

Our Endowment Fund earned a 4.5% interest rate last year from Key Bank. We have yet another new person in charge of our account there and the fee for their services is \$2500 per year. ELCA would like to review this account. We need the interest sent to us each year and that has not been the case. A motion was made by Bud Sackett to draw all our past interest to date. Pat Haas seconded it. Motion was passed.

The new allowance for the Study Fund will take effect in March.

Finance Report finds that we're spending more. We are at present over the budget in some areas, but that should even out through the year. We are “yellow flagged” so we need to continue to watch our spending.

At this point Nancy Guthrie showed us the new website. Brittany Jackson has been hard at work on it. The site is listed as www.gslcc.org and looks really great so far with much more to come.

Pastor's Report. You will find his report attached. Some additions are as follows: 1b. The cart is now outside the door. There was concern that it might be blocking the exit by being inside the doors during service. 1c. Duffy will follow up on someone to be our representative for L.E.A.F. 2b. Attendance last year for March should read 514 not 408. 2d. We as members of the congregation as well as council need to learn to ask people for help rather than wait for others to ask or volunteer. 3b. Marsha moved that the aforementioned new members be accepted; seconded by Marne and passed. There will be no prelude the morning of April 9.

Old Business:

- Shirley would like us to please note again that the mailboxes have been rearranged. All mail goes in above your title rather than below as before. Note the pink sign.
- We won't invite the Covenant Players this year.
- Jim Fuller signed his contract without changes.
- Pop machine? Jack will research requirements of vendors, placement of the machine and addressing spills, etc.
- We will be doing the Pony Express this year for our Stewardship drive. Mike to start now putting together a committee to carry this out.
- Saturday worship? Not ready to bring forward as a recommendation as yet.

Executive Committee: AWANA paperwork was sent in but the contract has not yet been signed.

Christian Education: Hand bells will not be playing at the children's service on April 30. Bobbi is playing at 8:30 a.m. and Jim is playing at 11:00 a.m. Church picnic will be August 20 and Sunday School pictures will be taken April 9.

Property: No additions or corrections to the report.

Evangelism: Workshop is on April 29. Need to know who are going and when the signup deadline is.

Worship and Music: Report read and attached.

Abiding Memorial: No meeting Pat is going to purchase a small communion tray for carrying the bread and wine to the nursery, Children's Church and out into the congregation. It will be easier to handle than the large trays.

Social Ministry: Report read and attached.

Stewardship: No report at this time.

Mutual Ministry: Pastor reported that by the by-laws this committee must report to the Council. Because of this it is not a supportive ministry to the Pastor personally. We may revisit a change at some future time.

New Business:

- Pastor's vacation will be June 19-24 for sure. April 24-29 is questionable at the moment. No Sundays included
- ECHO and bulletin news need to be in 10 days in advance.
- Offering envelopes to change for next year. They will be minus the Benevolence line and the number will be on the outside. They will be ordered by the end of April.
- Jungle Jerry will be doing the VBS closing.
- Council wishes to recognize Suzanne Malys for all her contributions to our congregation.
- We require two licensing permits for copyrights. One is \$129.00 and the other, \$169.00 A motion was made by Jim that these permits be purchased. Seconded by Bud. Motion passed.
- It was requested that Pastor's cellular phone service be upgraded so we can reach him in hard to reach areas. A booster costs \$350.00. This concern is under consideration.

We offer thanks for God's presence in our ministry.

We offer prayers of intercession.

There was a unanimous motion to adjourn. The meeting was closed with a sharing of the Peace and the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting April 18, 2006

SOCIAL MINISTRY

We had our usual meeting after Bingo at the County Home. We assisted 52 residents with 31 games. There were many games that went over the four bingo limit.

We spent \$8.75 for April. Between the ten of us we made 110 calls.

We wish to thank Kathy Paden and her Sunday School groups for making Easter packets for each of our Home Bound seniors. They all liked the packets and it made their Easter brighter.

Our next meeting will be May 23, 2006.

We will discuss our Fall agenda.

Present for the April meeting were: Frank Behling, Al and Ellen Gee, Shirley Harco, Sue Dewey, Russ and Betty Holmstrom, Betty Laitinen, Wilbur Bort and Marsha Taylor.

Prayerfully submitted,
Marsha Taylor

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Meeting was held April 4, 2006. Attending were Jim Arcaro, Margaret Lampela, Jim Fuller, Bobbi Boles, Nancy Guthrie, Shawn Sackett and Phyllis Waid. Jim Arcaro opened with a little prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Jim Arcaro and were okayed.

Jim read a letter from the Pastor and it was brought up about the Music Sunday. Jim Fuller said the Youth Choir could do the gathering hymn, prelude music and lead the congregation in the opening hymn. Shawn said the Adult Choir would do whatever needed to be done as far as the music was concerned.

The Adult Bell Choir and Children's Bell Choir will play and possibly Nancy would be directing both as Bobbi will not be there on May 14 nor May 21. Bobbi's son is having serious surgery in Atlanta.

Bobbi will try and get someone to fill in to play the organ for the two Sundays and if not, Nancy might.

Jim Fuller would like to get a trio together for Music Sunday, but feels that the kids just aren't into it, but will bring some music this coming Sunday for them to look at.

Jim has been having a problem getting the Children's choir together and is asking for the support of the Sunday School teachers.

Jim and the Pastor met concerning summer music. Nothing really was totally settled but they might take some of the old hymns out of the back of the red folder as there are so many.

Bobbi would like to know what liturgy we were going to use after June 4, 2006.

Sharing of the Peace was discussed in length. We all thought if we were to say when Bobbi starts playing that we need to get back to our seats maybe this would help so that the sharing doesn't go on so long.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting is May 2.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

April 4, 2006 at 6:30

Members present: Suzanne Malys, Kris Cameron, Stephanie Gildone, Jim, Kathy Paden and Michelle Logan, Awana Representative.

New Business: Sunday school offering envelopes for new children and adults.

Unfinished business: None

Sunday School: Curriculum: Suzanne is still gathering information and checking on other materials.

Acolytes: Summer still needs to be discussed with Pastor. The current schedule is good until the end of May.

Children's Church: There have been five in attendance for the 11 a.m. service. Stephanie hopes that more adults and youth sign-up to take a Sunday.

Children's Service: April 30, 2006. The program and songs were chosen along with assigning parts to the different classes. Songs are to be practiced during Sunday School opening and later the parts will be rehearsed.

First Holy Communion: Cake will be ordered and served. Cake to be ordered from Orlando Brothers for \$30.00 per sheet cake. Punch and coffee also to be served after 11 a.m. service.

Confirmation: Eighth grade will be meeting every Monday now thru June 4. Cake, punch and coffee will be served for the refreshments on Confirmation Sunday.

Children's Choir: First graders are going to be asked to join the choir due to a low attendance from the 2-6 grades. Jim meets every Sunday from 10:40 – 11:00 a.m.

Cradle Roll: Laurie came up with an invitation to the 3 year olds to attend Sunday School.

Nursery: Two-three adults need to be in attendance at all times.

VBS: Kathy went over the tentative schedule and curriculum for Noah's Ark.

Youth Group: Made cards for the home bound for the Easter season. Easter egg hunt to be held April 8.

AWANA: Michelle spoke to us and explained some of the questions that we had about the program. A pre-registration will be held during VBS.

Next meeting: May 2, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

