

Minutes of the Leadership Team Meeting

July 18, 2012

In Attendance: Linda Holden, Cheryl Deren, Kaye Hemus, Don Kindopp, Marilyn McCutcheon, Brenna Nickel, Heather Vermeersch

Regrets: Jim Pratt

Meeting called to order at 7:14

Devotion: Reading of Psalm 23 and response called "Paths of Trust"

Moved by Marilyn, seconded by Cheryl the acceptance of June 13, 2012 Minutes as amended. Carried

Moved by Cheryl, seconded by Marilyn the acceptance of July agenda, Pastoral Care report (as amended), Minister's report, Treasurer's report (as amended). Carried

New Business

1. Interest Groups
 - a. Request for a Communications Group to assess the efficacy of our on-line communication and to seek new channels for Christian Hospitality and Fellowship through social media.
Approved
 - b. Follow-up report from Fair Booth – proceeds of \$7500 – best ever
2. The organ speaker is a repair and is a budget item. Heather will follow-up with John Johnson and ask him to order the necessary part.
3. Baptism Request – a discussion about our understanding of baptism and how we extend grace through it considering special circumstances occurred. Brenna is following up on a request and will bring more information to our next meeting.
4. We agreed that a special collection be taken on July 29 and August 5 for the Hope Village Project we are participating in and Brenna will discuss the option of a possible joint service with Trinity Lutheran church who are partnering with us on the project.
5. Cheryl will follow-up with the Fellowship Interest Group on the creation of a church directory.
6. Questions have been asked about the use of the church and the rental policy and details are available on the website.
7. A summary of highlights of this meeting will be shared on Sunday, July 22 and posted on the website.

Next Meeting Date: August 22, 2012

Meeting Adjourned at 8:44.

Signature of Secretary/Chair _____

Reports

Pastor's Report – July 2012

The past few weeks have been a time of reflecting and listening for me as I gear up for year two of professional ministry, and pray for the future of St. Paul's and what that might look like. Words that keep coming to the front as I pray and talk with congregants are "relationship", "community" and "letting go". These are ideas that will guide my ministry in the upcoming months.

Throughout the summer, I've been following the lectionary and preaching on texts from the life of David. My hope is to pull out some of the fundamentals of what it means to be people of faith from David's obedience and, at times, disobedience to God.

In the past month or so, in terms of pastoral care, I've been reaching out to those I haven't seen in worship much – especially young adults. Additionally, I've been focusing on home visits of our seniors aiming at one visit a week. This pastoral care is in addition to the regular visits and services at special care homes and the hospital.

In terms of mission and education, my two big on-going projects are Vacation Bible School and the trip to Hope Village in Minot. I reached out to Pastor Stewart at Trinity Lutheran, and was glad that they agreed to partner with us on the Minot trip. It will also be a great opportunity for our charge to become a bit closer through hands-on mission.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Brenna Lea Nickel

July 17, 2012

Pastoral Care Report July 16, 2012

June 17/12 – Presentation by Pastor Brenna, Marian Huber (Spiritual Care Practitioner at St. Joseph's Hospital) and Kaye Hemus, PCW on Alzheimer Disease was necessitated, as presenter from The Alzheimer Society never arrived. I learned on following Monday that she had severe 'flu'. We have received official apologies re: same. There were 36 people in attendance from our congregation and members of the public. The atmosphere was one of trust and open sharing of information and questions. In response to two of those questions, I have learned:

1. Cost per year of institutional care of an Alzheimer person is \$75,000 or \$166 per day plus \$4410 per year for personal supplies such as Attends etc.(this extra cost is born by the individual if they can afford it, if not, by the taxpayer.)
2. The patient is charged a percentage of care cost which is tied to the individual's annual income. Therefore, if a person has very low income, the percentage charged should be minimal.
3. Pamphlets were sent to the Church outlining where donated money is used. Copies are on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

A comprehensive report has been sent to us – Alzheimer's Disease: Where do we stand in the search for a cure? – and is available for anyone to read. As a point of interest, a statement coming out of the Alzheimer's Conference in Vancouver yesterday stated that 1 in 8 North Americans over the age of 65 have this disease.

June 21/12 A new-to-me computer (Vicki's) was installed by Don Kindopp; I am gradually becoming familiar with it.

June 26/12 I attended the Prayer Vigil held for Fr. Joel Rama.

June 27/12 Finished the thumbnail sketches for St. Paul's Know-Our-Seniors Project; they are now in a binder in the Narthex. Have done two of these sketches for folks originally from Knox United Church; these will be displayed at Knox in the fall.

June 28/12 Assisted Brenna with Services at ERNH and LTC.

July 8/12 Drove three Seniors to Knox United Service followed by picnic at the Golf Course.

July 12/12 Assisted with Communion Service at Creighton Lodge.

July 16/12 Finalized a Pastoral Care Letter which will be sent out to those on our congregational list who seldom or never attend Services nor are active in some way in the Life of this congregation.

Have continued with visits; thought you might be interested to know that Pastoral Care by this person can take many different forms. It ALWAYS involves listening and focus on the person being visited but has included washing walls, pulling weeds with someone in their garden, doing exercises with someone post-op, delivering some turkey pot pies when we know cooking is a chore. helping, with three other people, to clean out someone's apartment when they simply could not do this before a move, visiting in hospital, looking at people's family albums and/or their church albums, making phone calls for a person and sometimes just sitting with someone as they collect their thoughts. Prayer is always offered; have yet to have anyone turn it down.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Hemus

Pastoral care Worker.

Treasurer's Report July 18, 2012

a) Financial Report (June 30, 2012)

General Fund

Income:	96,324.69
Expenses	<u>94,714.42</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	1,610.27

Balance Sheet

Capital Investment:	34,724.69
Trust Funds	170,743.22
General Fund	<u>35,792.11</u>
Total Assets	241,260.02

Notes on Income:

- a) Auditorium sale 2,336.65
- b) Fair Booth 7,240.92
- c) Rental Income 4,932.50 vs budget of 5,500
- d) Envelope Givings 77,033.33 vs budget of 185,766 (41.5%)

b) Photocopier

Lease was signed with Xerox of Canada for a five-year lease on a Xerox CQ8900 Colour copier. Depending on usage, the additional yearly cost is anticipated to be \$700 or less. Total anticipated yearly copier costs will be \$3,100 or less.

c) Computers

A new MacBook Pro was purchased and set up for Brenna. In addition, a video adapter for projections and a carrying case for the MacBook Pro were purchased. A new iMac was purchased and set up for Vicki. Vicki's older iMac was set up for Kaye. CanDyne Pump Services Inc. (Greg Pullam) kindly donated \$2,500 to the Memorial Fund to assist in covering the costs of these computers. The total cost of the computers was \$4,084.26.

b) Banquet Tables

Fifteen (15) 30"x96" and six (6) 72" (round) polyethylene tables were purchased. In addition, a storage dolly for up to ten (10) round tables was purchased. Total cost was \$2,813.80. The UCW will assist in covering the costs of this purchase with a donation of \$2000.00 .