

First Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Highlights 10/20/2009

Present: Pastor Chuck Knerem, Pastor Kathy Kluck, Ray Treudler, Mark Kuritzky, Gloria Reichert, Steve Harris, Brenda Jacob, Ron Shorts, Abby Pautz (youth representative), Debbie Brighter, Jerry Krueger, Mike McNamara, and (late arriving) Amy Kuntz
Absent: None

Secretary's Minutes

Minutes from the August, 2009 Council meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes made by Ray Treudler and second by Jerry Krueger. Amendment to the minutes was proposed. The amended minutes were approved. Motion by Steve Harris, second by Mark Kuritzky. Amended minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – Mark and Brenda

- The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mark Kuritzky. Compared the actual to the proposed budget. Foreseeing a year-end deficit of \$36,000, but we have enough to sustain us. If we can hit our offerings for the rest of the year, we'll be okay.
- Audit will be done by end of year.
- Budget requests due 10/22; committee 10/31; Forums 11/7-8; Vote 11/15
- Council will meet to discuss the budget on 11/11 at 7 PM
- Special motion regarding benefits coverage for Pastor Chuck

Motion was made by Ray Treudler and second by Mark Kuritzky.

Motion passed.

- Boiler bids
 - No updates on the bids

Stewardship Discussion – Bob Jacob

- Reported on the status of the pledge drive for 2010.
- General thought is that pledging will be down but still have incomplete information at this time.

Staff, Ministry Team, and Mutual Ministry Reports

Reports from the Pastors, Gift-based Ministry, and Music Ministry were submitted to Council.

KIDS HOPE USA

- Children cannot participate w/o signed form from parents.
- Gloria Reichert made a formal request to have a fund-raising breakfast on November 15. A motion was made to approve this request. Motion was made by Jerry Krueger and seconded by Amy Kuntz. Motion carried.

- The breakfast will have a free-will donation and the funds raised will go towards start up costs. Any funds raised will be matched by Thrivent up to \$600.
- Gloria also mentioned that shirts would also make the mentors and kids feel like they had a sense of belonging to the group.

Old Business

- Custodial update – Pastor Chuck – great job – removing from agenda
- Contract review – Steve – Some contracts are coming up for review in November
- Spiritual Discernment update for *Revelations* – These “reports” to the congregation will continue – Debbie Brighter will write the next *Revelation* article on Goal #2
- WELCA – Steve – Recapped initiative

New Business

- US Congregational Survey results
 - Revisit item at future meetings
- Building usage requests (3) – Steve - 10 minutes
 1. Girl Scout Leader Training
 - Motion was made by Steve Harris to approve, second by Jerry Krueger. Motion approved.
 2. Girl Scout Cookie Rally
 - Conflict with start time. Motion for approval was amended to require start time to be moved to 1 PM. Amended motion for approval was made by Steve Harris, second by Mark Kuritzky. Amended motion approved
 3. Strongsville High School Cross Country Awards Banquet
 - Motion for approval on 11/11 was made by Steve Harris, second by Ray Treudler. Motion approved.
 4. Pin ‘Em Club
 - Motion made for approval by Gloria Reichert, second by Ray Treudler. Motion approved.
- Thrivent Matching Funds – Opportunity for KIDS HOPE USA to get matching funds from breakfast up to \$600.
- 2008 Christmas Eve offering – Steve and Peg Gall requested that the money remaining from 2008 loose offering goes towards food rather than using it for clothing as originally requested. Motion for this to be approved was made by Mark Kuritzky and second by Jerry Krueger.
- Designation of 2009 Christmas Eve offering – suggestion by Pastor Chuck that the money go to Living Water International. They provide wells for impoverished nations for clean drinking water. Motion made that loose offering from Christmas Eve service go to Living Water International was made by Pastor Chuck, second by Jerry Krueger. Motion approved.
- Request for David Williams testimonial
 - Leader of Campus Crusade for Christ at University of Akron
 - Celebration Team will review this request going forward

Communications

- Annual Meeting

- November 15 – immediately following the 11:15 service
- Council will review topic on 11/11 at 7 PM

Other

- For the good of the cause
- Next meeting

The next Council meeting will be on December 15 at 7 PM.