

Luther Park Board of Directors-Meeting Minutes
Trinity Lutheran Church
September 21st, 2010

Members present: Tom Wagener, Steve Kolden, Rev. Leila Haight, Brenda Thalacker, Amanda Rasner, Don Moats, Bill Jensen, Rev. Jim Page, Ben Ahles-Iverson, Joel Olsen, Dale Kringle

Members absent: Chris Kamrath, Brenda Thalacker

Ex-Officio Members in attendance: Rev. Craig Corbin, Brianna Kunkel

Public comment: None

Devotion: Tom shared a devotion with an emphasis from the psalms

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Ben, second by Don to accept the agenda

Approval of August 19th Minutes: Four revisions; motion from Steve, second by Dale to accept.

Strategic planning discussion: Terry was not able to be present. Steve shared a brief synopsis from his conversation with Terry. Various commitments have arisen for Terry with some being unexpected. Things have settled down for him and more time will be devoted to this piece.

Board bylaws/Policy review:

Action to approve Constitution for the Special Meeting on November 13th: addressed in last month's meeting

Potential 'approval' of bylaws for distribution following the November 13th meeting: discussion regarding having bylaws available for individuals to pick up after the November 13th meeting.

Motion by Don, second by Amanda for the bylaws to be available at the November 13th meeting.

Annual meeting: January 22nd, 10:00am

Director's Report: Rev. Craig Corbin

Craig handed out his written report.

There were 19 volunteers and staff present to stuff, seal, and label the generic ask letter.

He had to dip into our line of credit for \$10,000 which runs our total for the year to \$37,000.

It has been one year since this partnership began.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Handouts of the 'Budget vs. Actual' report was handed out.

Our expenses so far this year is \$495,560.11 compared to \$761,048.00 last year.

Total income is \$504,182.26 compared to \$668,536.49 last year.

Motion by Joel, seconded by Ben to accept financial report. Approved.

Property Committee: Immanuel Lutheran in Strum has donated a used dryer from their parsonage.

The Welcome Center roof has been completed.

There hasn't been a buyer for the boat lift. We'll put it up for sale next spring.

Efforts are being made in investigating the purchase of new mattresses.

Our Savior's from Chippewa Falls will be doing some repair work on the A-frame at the Woods, specifically on the Birchwood Site. All materials and labor is being donated by them.

Certain ceiling tiles in the Dining Hall and the Chapel are in need of replacement.

Brianna and Amanda met before the board meeting to discuss the 'Luther Park Advocate Program'. This involves youth workers and other adults who are willing to be advocates for Luther Park in their congregations. A retreat will be planned for these key individuals. In addition, monthly materials will be given to them to assist in their advocating efforts relative to events, ministry focus elements, etc.

This will be slightly different than having previous counselors be ambassadors in various congregations where this ministry focuses on key people in their own congregations.

Various summer programs are being evaluated.

Re-Charges will be under the theme 'Take Up the Call'.

Unfinished Business:

Welcome new board member-Rev. Joel Olsen

New Business:

Letter of resignation from Bill Jenson given he and his wife move to Oklahoma.

Don motion to regretfully accept Bill's resignation and thanked him for his recommendation for Dave Cleveland to be appointed as the newest board member; second by Leila. Passed.

Grace Bible Church from Bruce, WI is looking at the possibility of using the camp for the week of July 4th. Craig will continue to follow-up along with Becky Carlson our retreat coordinator.

Craig presented the notion of 'adopt a room' in helping update both the Shalom and Covenant Center. This was briefly discussed.

Another fund raising concept to reduce the debt was discussed. This is a concept that was successful at "Koinonia Camp" in New York state. It is the simple concept of stoning Goliath. They used the image of Goliath and people were given the opportunity to purchase stones or bricks to throw at Goliath. Smaller stones / bricks less dollars, larger stones/bricks larger donation.

Closed Session:

Discuss recent personnel decision. No actions were taken.

Open Session:

Next meeting, October 19th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Eau Claire;

4:00pm-7:00pm, spaghetti dinner

Snacks-Amanda; devotion-Leila

*discussion regarding board openings/nominations

Special meeting of the corporation: November 13th, 10:00am at Trinity Lutheran Church

Next meetings: November 16th

December 14th

Annual meeting: January 22nd, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jim Page, II

