

## **ECCH Council Minutes** **December 20, 2010**

### **PRESENT**

Paul Allen	Linda Noonan
Jim Scott	Jill Rhiner
Chad Burlet	Jim Brorson
Lars Stromberg	Jan Peard
Craig Wright	Jean Regan
Jim Kramer	Yogi Mahendra
Jen Secola	Arlene Cheff

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Lars Stromberg led us in devotions and opening prayer.

The November minutes were approved. (moved, seconded, approved)

Charles Landefeld discussed the 4th Street house renovation (see handout):

- Savings were realized through material donations and volunteer labor.
- Gifts to date have been approximately \$105,000.
- 2011 pledges to date are \$30,000.
- Expected completion in 90-120 days.

Charles Landefeld discussed the masonry repairs and bell tower rebuild (see handout):

- The contractor requested an additional \$21,700 than originally quoted. The council discussed the request and rejected the additional charge (moved, seconded and passed).

### **PASTORAL REPORTS**

Lars Stromberg: The youth ministry is going well with both the current students and college alumni.

Support of the 4th Street house has been overwhelming. Many thanks.

Jim Kramer: Gave a "New in the Pew" update. (see handout)

Paul Allen: Presented preliminary analysis for the Annual Report to the Denomination. He noted a shift in attendance from the 11:15 am service to the 10:00 am service. (see handout) Further analysis will be done in January 2011.

### **MINISTRY REPORTS**

Craig Wright: The Giving Tree yielded 65 presents delivered to the Leland House.

Jen Secola: Blast and adult education programs are in place.

The 2011-2012 preschool year enrollment has begun. This year's enrollment is 96 students.

Arlene Cheff: The building maintenance schedule is done for items through September.

Linda Noonan: Kirsten Bell has joined the Caring Ministry team to coordinate memorial receptions.

### **TREASURER REPORT**

Jim Scott presented the November Treasurer report. (see handout)

- As of 11/30/10 plate collections are down \$40,000 from 2009.
- Report was approved. (moved, seconded, approved)

Arlene Cheff reported Jim Carr had an accident with the van. The insurance company is evaluating the details of the accident. A traffic ticket was not issued.

Chad Burlet read an email from John Scruton-Wilson updating us on his health and extending thanks for our prayers.

Arlene Cheff and Jim Scott lead the budget discussion.

- Jim Kramer proposed having one music coordinator for second and third services to cut salary expense in half. The music coordinator would have to be someone who can do both soft contemporary and hard rock. Jim Brorson and the pastors will further discuss the possibility. (Accounts 2032/2033)
- Jim Scott will negotiate custodial services to reduce the annual cost from \$32,000 to \$28,000 and increase Carlos' share. (Account 2101)
- **Proposed changes to Education Ministries, Fellowship Ministries, Outreach Ministries, and Worship Ministries were accepted.**

Council went into Executive session to discuss staff salary and benefit expenses.

The budget will be communicated by letter to the congregation prior to the annual meeting. Chad Burlet and Jean Regan will compose the letter.

Chad Burlet closed in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.