

Hinsdale ECC
October 18, 2010 Council Meeting

Present

Jen Secola
Jim Kramer
Jan Peard
Linda Noonan

Paul Allen
Craig Wright
Arlene Cheff
Jim Scott

Jean Regan
Chad Burlet
Carla Erickson
Mary Lyon

Chad called the meeting to order and Jen Secola led in devotions.

Minutes – Chad Burlet for Carla Erickson

❖ **Moved, seconded and passed to accept the minutes from our September meeting**

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Project Updates

- The bell tower
Work is done and the bell is ringing
Brick work is done outside and work on the inside should be finished this week or next
- Parsonage
Permit will be submitted by the end of this week.
There will be a 2-3 week wait.
Charles will contact builders for bids
Work could start by mid November

Treasurer's Report – Jim Scott

- Total income is on par with same time as last year
 - Plate income is down 5%
 - Expenses are down about \$23,000 from last year (mainly in Admin & Outreach)
 - New Quick Books system is working well
 - Will pay the 2nd quarter to the Covenant, Central Conference, & Camps
 - After the Covenant & brick work is paid we will be running very thin on cash
 - Will need to start the process to access the NCP funds
 - Financial Update to be in this week's bulletin and newsletter (without being alarmist)
Ministry is being affected
 - Proposed budgets due November 1
- ❖ **Moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted**
- Tried to lock in interest rate on our loan for the last 2 years @ 2 ½% - Not successful

Pastor's Report – Jim Kramer

- Handed out "Who's New in the Pew"
- Aina Odegaard's memorial buying 5 flat screen TVs for the church
- Harvest Festival is October 24
- Sports Life Camp will be for 2 weeks next year instead of 1
- 13 people going on the India missions trip
- Thanksgiving service will be at Oak Park church
- Need to give some sort of special thank you to Charles Landefeld, Larry Dostal & Doug Morey for their help on the bell tower

Pastor's Report – Paul Allen

- Stephen's ministry training went well
- Lars & Paul are doing adult confirmation

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- Paul will be going to the Pastors' retreat at Covenant Harbor next week
- New Membership class coming in mid November

Pastor's Report – Lars Stromberg

- Youth groups are growing
- 13 dads went on Dads' Retreat
- 11 8th grader confirmands / counselor friends
- 16 at Covenant Point retreat
- Hi League Retreat "Crew" at Covenant Harbor (Lars heading this up for Central Conference)
240 students total, 36 from our youth group
- Starting to plan the summer trips for 2011
- He and Katie are excited about the parsonage project

Administration – Arlene Cheff

- The budget team met and made the following recommendations in the event we have to cut back on expenses even further:
Cut back on custodial services
Have the pastors pay part of their own health insurance (it is increasing another 4% this year)
- Questions on Community Room revenue
Need an accounting system for this income
Need to find a way to collect ¼ to ½ of the fees up front

Missions – Craig Wright

- October has been "service" month
Over 100 people have volunteered in 5 projects
- November 14th is the fundraising dinner and fair for the India missions trip

Preschool Report – Jen Secola

- Preschool needs a part time music director
- They have been paying their reimbursement to the church monthly
- Current enrollment is 97-98 (PTL)

Worship

- Preparation for the Christmas concert is moving forward
- We have had a good response to Joel Johnson, our new worship leader at 3rd service

Mutual Ministry – Jean Regan

- 3 Suggestions
Have a Sunday where we focus on our church history
Have a Hi League reunion at Thanksgiving – Lars & Jean to talk about this
February is our biggest month for visitors; have a special emphasis on bringing visitors in February

Fellowship – Chad for John Scruton-Wilson

- Good turnout at the Men's breakfast event – want to have it again
- Fall Festival is this coming Sunday

New Business

- Some of our seniors are having trouble hearing in the worship services
We have designated pew with hearing assistance available but they don't like to sit there

Jen closed in prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Carla Erickson, Secretary

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