

**Hinsdale ECC  
September 20, 2010 Council Meeting**

**Present**

Chad Burlet  
Lars Stromberg  
Arlene Cheff  
Jean Regan  
Jan Peard  
Paul Allen  
Jim Scott

Mary Lyons  
Carla Erickson  
  
Jen Secola  
Jim Brorson  
Yogi Mahendra  
Jim Brorson

Chad called the meeting to order and Arlene led in devotions and opening prayer.

**Minutes – Chad Burlet for Carla Erickson**

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

**Bell Tower – Arlene & Chad**

- The vast majority of those in attendance at Sunday’s meeting agreed that the bell tower should be restored to its original condition, along with a working bell.
- There is a family in the church that is willing to fund the cost of getting the bell in working order with a new digital system.
- Doug Morey has agreed to donate the steel and Larry Dostal said he would look at the bell and its workings.
- We now have \$27,000 cash available toward the additional \$40-60,000 needed to do the tower repair.

Buy-a-brick	\$22,000	
CDs at NCP	\$43,000	(available at year end; still leaves \$20,00 balance in CD)
Memorial gifts	<u>\$12,000</u>	
Total available	\$77,000	
Brick repair/replacement	<u>\$50,000</u>	
Available for tower repair	\$27,000	

❖ **Moved and seconded to proceed with the reconstruction of the bell tower to its original specs, that it should have a ringing bell, and that we should adhere to the \$40-60,000 estimated cost. The motion passed.**

- We agreed that we will not borrow any funds at this time.
- We will continue to seek donations towards the tower repair.
- We will keep the congregation informed and let them know about our vote tonight and the amount of the official estimate when it comes in.
- Charles and Arlene will get the information to the church office in time for the bulletin.

**Fourth Street House – Chad & Charles**

- The next door neighbor has written a letter to the village on our behalf in support of the project.
- The house remodel is considered a continuation of our original planned development with the recent building addition
- Chad handed out preliminary plans
- We will not borrow or take on any additional debt for this
- Chad informed us that there is already expressed support and pledges to make this happen and that there is an initial \$20,000 donation in place
- If this project becomes overfunded, the donors will allow their monies to go to the bell tower so this project will not in any way jeopardize the bell tower repair.
- We will continue to solicit funds for both projects.

- Chad & Arlene will word a solicitation statement for the bulletin to this effect.
- ❖ **With indication of full funding being available, it is moved and seconded that we go forward with the addition to the Fourth Street parsonage. Jim Brorson moved and Jim Scott seconded. The motion passed.**

### **Treasurer's Report – Jim Scott**

- The memorial funds that have been designated for brick repair have been moved.
- We are on par with income (only \$8,000 down) compared to the same time in 2009
- Question on Community Room income; it seems too low. Jim to check with Jim Kramer re this.
- Sample budget was handed out. An updated version will be emailed to ministry leaders soon with actual figures for thru August and anticipated thru December.
- Ministry leaders to make any adjustments and submit proposed budget by our next meeting. We need to add a capital improvement budget line item.
- We need to encourage strong giving to the general fund. If our giving is strong for year end, we will not need to use as much of our current reserve at NCP for brick work.
- ❖ **Moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted**

### **Mutual Ministry – Jean Reagan**

- Nothing new to report.

### **Administration – Arlene Cheff**

- There was air conditioner maintenance this month
- Office staff evaluations for Laura & JoAnn are coming up. Arlene has contacted Bob McIvbaine

### **Pastor's Report – Paul Allen for Jim Kramer**

- Handed out "Who's New in the Pew"

### **Missions – Yogi for Craig Wright**

- There are currently service projects in process for Medical Missions, Feed My Starving Children, PADS, and Grace & Peace.

### **Preschool Report – Jen Secola**

- Handed out Mary Siefert's report. Enrollment is now at 97 (98)
- Jennifer Jensen has started teaching a nursery lesson on Sunday morning.
- Little Lambs and BLAST have started up. BLAST had 80 kids. Ramona is leading a singing time for BLAST.
- There will be an adult education seminar on financial stewardship
- If there is surplus preschool funds at the end of the year and they want to do a capital improvement project, they will bring it to Council first.

### **Worship – Jim Brorson**

- Joel Johnson (wife Meagan) is new worship leader for 3<sup>rd</sup> service
- Worship Committee is brainstorming on possible changes to enhance 3<sup>rd</sup> service; they welcome any suggestions
- They want to target the youth at this service and Lars/teens will help with the music
- The Christmas Program will be December 12 at 4:00 pm  
They want to incorporate the choir along with the children and youth  
There will be a short chancel choir program in the sanctuary and then move to the community room for music with children & youth and dessert

### **Pastor's Report – Lars Stromberg**

- Great kick-off this past week with over 60 students (largest group ever to start fall)
- 35 youth on Sunday morning;

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- Sam Randall is teaching Wake Up Call and confirmation
- Joel Johnson is the new seminary intern (as well as the 3<sup>rd</sup> service worship leader)
- Dads' Retreat the first weekend of October
- Still need to staff the Information Booth on Sunday mornings
- Try and use the south wing only for overflow

#### **Pastor's Report – Paul Allen**

- Lunch Special for Seniors on second Tuesday of each month  
Donna Bong has organized  
Had 35 seniors and looking to grow  
Want to invite the community in the future
- Stephen Ministry training starting up  
Will include 3 other churches

#### **Fellowship – Chad for John Scruton-Wilson**

- There were 35 at the men's breakfast  
Thank you to Marie Roessler for cooking a wonderful meal  
Want to try and have a speaker once a quarter
- 35 ladies went to hear Beth Moore
- Fall Festival October 24<sup>th</sup>

#### **New Business**

- Pastoral Staff Reviews coming up  
Per our constitution, the Council can establish a committee for a specific task  
Chad appointed 3 former chairs (Scott Morrow, Joan Oney & Lynwood Larson) to oversee this process. **The Council approved these appointments.**  
Want to send letters out to a random sample of the congregation like last year

Arlene closed in prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Erickson  
Secretary