

Peace Lutheran Church Council
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2016

Present: Don Zimmer, Elizabeth Constantine, Wendell Anderson, Craig Endicott, Heidi Ortolano, Ginny Wolford, Dale Hupp
Absent: Mary Oliver, Bradley Oliver, Jeff Preston, Torey Draughn

The meeting was called to order at 6:34, with devotions provided by Mr. Zimmer.

May Meeting Minutes

The motion to approve the May Meeting Minutes was made and seconded, and passed with unanimous approval.

Pastoral Transition Team Selection

A spreadsheet was sent in previous email listing those that volunteered via bulletin insert, email, or person and also other names that were suggested by other members in the congregation.

Transition Team: The Council would like to establish a team of 5-7 people. There were nine people that volunteered, and some of them also volunteered for nomination of the Call Committee. After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that the people serving on the Transition Team are: Cathy Bender, Columbus Williams, PJ Conrad, Jim Gesl, Tim Murphy, Marcie Robinson, and Dean Pedersen. It was also moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that Columbus Williams would be asked to serve as Chair. If he is unwilling, then Dean Pedersen and Jim Gesl would be asked.

Call Committee: The Church Constitution requires 7-11 eligible members to serve on the Call Committee. There were eight people that were nominated. It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to report that these eight people were nominated and will be presented to the congregation for a vote. These names are Gretta Williams, Jim Aanestad, Karen Gesl, Dean Pedersen, Sharon Altman, Mike Foster, Carole Crawford, and Elsie Draughn. It was also discussed that the Council continue to encourage additional nominations from the floor at the Congregational Meeting in order to create a more reflective demographic pool of candidates.

Start-Up Team: The Council would like to establish a team of 5-7 people. There were three people that have volunteered so far. The people who have volunteered so far are Charlie Warren, Deb Foster, and Elsie Draughn. We will continue to ask for more volunteers as the transition process moves forward. It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that Charlie Warren serve as Chair.

Logistics for the Congregational Meeting: The Congregational Meeting will take place on July 10 to vote for the members of the Call Committee. The Council is expecting some nominations from the floor, so ballots will be printed after nominations have closed at the meeting. Mr.

Zimmer will create a PowerPoint slide with the current nominations, and will add other nominations at the meeting. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Draughn will tabulate the results. It was agreed that the majority would be placed on the committee.

Youth Task Force

The first two Sundays in June there was a large group of interested church members, led by Bradley Oliver and Mike Foster, to discuss the future of the Youth program at Peace. There was a general consensus over these two weeks that we should continue a paid position, with the desire that it be at least 30 hours a week. It was also discussed that the position would cover "cradle to grave," but maybe not directly. At the end of the second week it was decided to have a smaller group meet to discuss the immediate needs (Sept- Dec 2016). This group of eight, with one missing, met to focus on what could realistically be expected from an interim director, and who that interim might be. The Council is asking to have a recommendation of an interim to hire by June 30.

Stewardship

Stewardship is still looking for input for goals to use in the upcoming stewardship campaign. What do we tell people we are looking for as stewardship meets with small groups?

Capital Appeal

A FAQ sheet was sent out in a previous email. The plan from the Finance Committee is to send a letter out to congregation with FAQ sheet, giving sheet, and pledge cards. Members should receive this letter before July 10. The campaign will start on July 10 and pledges will be collected until Capital Commitment (Sunday, August 14). The Council is encouraged to give pledges early. The Third Capital Campaign begins on Sept 1. The account currently has \$40,000.

Other Business

Safe Nights

It is schedule for the week before Palm Sunday (April 2-9), Becky Katt is prepared to head the week.

Council Secretary

The position is still not filled. The Council is looking for someone to commit for the remainder of the calendar year.

Solar

All money and applications are at SMECO. It is in their hands to decide on a design and then we will be placed in the installation queue.

Finances

We are currently tracking where we thought. Mr. Anderson's main concern is that estimated giving is going up, but income is going down (currently 82%).

Future dates

June 30- recommendation of interim from Youth Team

July 14?- Exec meeting

July 15-16- Jim Pence, with Transition team

July 28- Council

Aug 11- Exec Meeting

Aug 25- Council

Aug 26-27- Jim Pence (report from Transition team)

Aug 31- Becky's last day

The meeting was adjourned, with prayer, at 8:15.