

**Peace Lutheran Church Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 28, 2016**

Present: Don Zimmer, Wendell Anderson, Craig Endicott, Heidi Ortolano, Ginny Wolford, Dale Hupp, Mary Oliver, Bradley Oliver, and Torey Draughn. Tim Murphy representing the Transition Team was also present.

Absent: Elizabeth Constantine and Jeff Preston.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30. Mr. Zimmer shared a reading by Virginia Stem Owens for devotions.

Meeting Liturgy: Micah 6:8 was read together between agenda items

**June Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Anderson asked that the statement in the June minutes, "Mr. Anderson's main concern is that estimated giving is going up, but income is going down (currently 82%)." Be corrected to say: "While unpledged giving to the General Fund is up, pledged giving is 82% of what was projected for this time. As a result General Fund income is about \$10,000 less than last year at this time." A motion to approve the June Meeting Minutes as corrected was made and seconded, and passed unanimously.

**Call Committee Chair Selection**

The members of the Call Committee are: Jim Aanestad, Sharon Altman, Carole Crawford, Elsie Draughn, Mike Foster, Karen Gesl, Dean Pedersen, and Gretta Williams. Jim Aanestad, Elsie Draughn, and Karen Gesl have asked not to be considered. Dean Pedersen has said he would serve, but will be out of town much of January and February of 2017. After a time of discernment, Sharon Altman was selected by paper ballot on a vote of 6 to 2.

**Transition Process**

Mr. Zimmer asked how Council members were experiencing the Transition process. There was a positive consensus. As of July 28, 30 people had completed the survey. Mr. Anderson estimates that the cost of the Transition Consultant will probably be about \$9500. Pastor Endicott noted that the Transition Team vision statement emphasizes the continued need for "transparency" on our work. Mr. Zimmer reminded Council members to complete the survey and remind everyone within their circle of the importance of doing so too.

**Youth**

Mr. Oliver reported that the Youth Task Force recommends that Marcie Robinson be our interim Youth Director. The Executive Committee, which serves as the Personnel

Committee at Peace, will work out employment arrangements with Mrs. Robinson at its August 11 meeting. A Thank you and Farewell for outgoing Youth Director will be held following the 11AM service on August 14. Mr. Oliver also noted that the youth are planning a Survey Sunday to encourage youth participation in the survey process

### **Stewardship**

Mrs. Ortolano reminded everyone that the Stewardship Committee is still looking for input on goals to use in the upcoming stewardship campaign. She asked that committees that have not yet done so, e-mail her their goals as soon as possible. This year's Leadership Dinner will be October 16; Consecration Sunday, October 23. Rev. Shannon Anderson will be working with Stewardship on this year's program and preaching on Consecration Sunday.

### **Capital Appeal**

Mr. Anderson told the Council that 21 pledges totaling \$91,000 have been received for the new Capital Campaign with oral pledges pushing the total to over \$100,000.

### **Solar**

On Wednesday July 27 Solar City surveyed the Northwest part of the roof on the new building to determine the feasibility of adding additional solar panels to our array. Mr. Zimmer reported that Solar City is still awaiting final design approval from SMECO. There are no known issues at this time; the process is just proving to be slower than anticipated.

### **Race**

Pastor Endicott led the Council through an exercise on implicit (unconscious) bias using a "Trusted Ten" worksheet. We discovered most of our "Trusted Ten" were very much like ourselves. The implicit bias in the people we choose to trust has implications for those we welcome into our circle of friends and church.

### **Finance**

Mr. Anderson made a motion (seconded by Pastor Endicott) from the Finance Committee to make a \$50,000 dollar prepayment on our mortgage with \$30,000 coming from the Capital Campaign that has just closed (Capital Campaign #2) and \$20,000 from the new campaign (Capital Campaign #3). After discussion the motion passed 7 in favor, 1 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned, with prayer, at 8:10 PM.

*Aug 11- Exec Meeting*

*Aug 14 Celebration of Becky's ministry*

*Aug 25- Council Meeting*

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