

**KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
PART II
FEBRUARY 8, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. by Jennifer Bolton, President, with sixty-four members present. Pastor Beese led the congregation in the opening devotion.

A motion was made by Ken Mueller and seconded by Don Cline to accept the minutes of the Congregational Meeting of November 9, 2008 as written. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Beese thanked the congregation for their generosity at Christmas and throughout the year. Pastor discussed the status of Kent's participation in the Partnership for the Missional Church. A cluster meeting is scheduled on February 13th & 14th in St. Charles, MO. The *Book of Faith* is being used as the basis for the current bible study, with an emphasis toward continuing to stay rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ. A video from the Central States Synod (Missouri and Kansas) was shown highlighting the Synod's involvement internationally in the mission of the church on our behalf. The year 2009 is expected to be exciting for Kent. A renewal of the three-year commitment to the building fund is scheduled to renew this year as well.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jennifer Bolton thanked the congregation for the opportunity to serve as its president. Her report highlighted the many avenues Kent's membership was involved in ministering to the Lake community. Although we have experienced a devastating economic crisis nationally and internationally, Kent's membership remained faithful stewards of His resources, surpassing the giving of 2007. Jennifer encouraged everyone to follow God's path of faith and trust in Him and to be eager to bring the "good news" to everyone we encounter along life's way.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Ken Mueller and seconded by Bill Ferretti to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried. A motion was made by Georgia Cline and seconded by Jerry Husbands to amend the 2009 Housing Equity Allowance portion of the 2009 approved Budget for Pastor Beese in order to remain in line with recommendations of the Synod. Motion carried.

The Building Fund Report was reviewed. Tom Reeder is looking into the possibility of locking into a good interest rate at the scheduled interest rate adjustment date of 4/1/09. A motion was made by Audrey Halvorson and seconded by Rich Binder to accept the report as written. Motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS

ALTAR GUILD – Kathy Spaulding reported the Altar Guild meets the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. and would welcome interested volunteers to join them.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Brad Brumm is the new Sunday School Director. An annual report was available for review.

COLUMBARIUM – A report was available for review. Clarification was made in defining the memorial fund contributions vs. the account that receives payment for the inurnment space.

EVANGELISM – A report was available for review. A suggestion was made that the initials *ELCA* be added to the new road sign.

FINANCE – The Committee reported an internal audit was conducted of each set of financial books of all groups, committees and affiliated organizations within the church for the year 2008. All books were found to be correct and properly maintained.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING – The Committee is working with two craftsmen on the stained glass window project. Don Peterson explained the Stewart–McFaden Trust Scholarship Fund from its inception to its current status as a self-perpetuating fund which will provide scholarship assistance to young people. Five individuals oversee the fund which will become available after two years of earnings.

MINISTRY FUND – A written report was available.

PARISH MINISTRY ASSOCIATE – A written report was available from William (Bill) Ferretti.

PROPERTY – A written report was available for review.

SOCIAL MINISTRY – A written report was available for review.

STEWARDSHIP – A written report was available for review.

THRIVENT – A written report was available for review.

WELCA – Linda Williams reported a very successful year for WELCA. A written report was available for review.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC – New members on the committee include Margo Strothmann, Tracy Garrett. Kathleen Marco will attend the meetings. A written report was available for review.

YOUTH – A written report was available for review.

UNEXPIRED CHURCH COUNCIL TERM – A motion was made by Ken Mueller and seconded by Jan Kennedy that Ralph McHenry fill the unexpired term of Bill Gronhoff (expiring December 13, 2009). Motion carried.

WEBMASTER – Special thanks were expressed to Don Brohm for continuing to serve as Kent's Webmaster, even though he has moved out of the community.

ONE SERVICE VS. TWO SERVICES DURING JANUARY & FEBRUARY – There was considerable discussion of the pros and cons of changing to only one Sunday morning worship service during the months of January and February. A motion was made by Don Cline and seconded by Audrey Halvorson that we try one service for the months of January and February beginning in 2010. After additional discussion, Don Cline and Audrey Halvorson agreed to withdraw their motion and second. Notice wasn't given that a vote on this subject would be taken at the meeting. In consideration of members not present, and in an effort to give them an opportunity to vote on this action, a motion was then made by Kathleen Spaulding and seconded by Bill Ferretti that a special congregational meeting be called in May 2009 to vote on implementing a change to one service during the months of January and February 2010. Motion carried.

CENTRAL STATES SYNOD ELCA LOGO – It was suggested that we pursue the possibility of incorporating the Central States Synod ELCA logo in promoting Kent Memorial Lutheran Church to the Lake community.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by Ralph McHenry and seconded by John Bolton that the meeting adjourn with prayer at 2:04 p.m. Motion carried.

Darleen Mueller
Recording Secretary