

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church
Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
October 20, 2009

Members present were Jennifer Bolton, Shirley Kirchner, Bob Harger, Ken Gerardy, Kathy Spaulding, Jim Kennedy, Melba Bangert, Virgil Norris, Charles Niemann, and Diane Ziehl. Chuck Wanamaker and Don Peterson were absent.

President Jennifer Bolton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Charles Niemann led devotions from the day's devotional book.

Everyone reviewed the regular council meeting minutes of September 15, 2009 and the Special Council Meeting of October 8, 2009. Kathy Spaulding moved that the September 15 minutes be approved as read. Ken Gerardy seconded it. Motion carried.

A correction in the special church council meeting minutes to replace the word voting where congregational is, in the sentence toward the bottom of the page. "Ken Gerardy moved that we mail survey to all voting (congregational) members." Kathy Spaulding moved that the corrected minutes be approved, Ken Gerardy seconded. It carried.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and then Charles Niemann made the motion to approve, Jim Kennedy seconded, it carried. Jennifer noted that there is a new item in the balance sheet for the Parsonage Repair Fund – \$1,250.00. This amount was moved from where it had been previously posted to Parsonage Repairs in the expense section of the budget.

Ken Gerardy noted that there had been an \$18,000 payment in September to the Building Fund. The balance left is \$393,002.99. Diane Ziehl made the motion to approve the Building Fund report. Shirley Kirchner seconded. It carried.

Pastor Dave announced that the Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Sunrise Bible Church Sunday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. He also said that he will use "Love Finds a Voice in Bethlehem" for the Advent services which will be December 2, 9, and 16 at 6:00 p.m. with a light supper following. The fourth Wednesday would be too close to Christmas Eve this year to have another Advent service. Pastor Dave said he has one more week of vacation and he would like to have it split up by using November 9, 10 & 11 and then December 2 and 3. He will know more about his plans at the next meeting.

The Evangelism Committee would like to have a list for volunteering positions through the committees – to encourage new members to get involved. Kathy Spaulding noted that there will be a list of our visitors for the month in the newsletter. Helmut Lacas is going to get a bigger map for the fellowship hall so that people who live outside the existing map will get to identify their location.

The Finance committee met this week to put together the budget from the requests from the committees.

The Ministry Fund committee voted to move the funds from the Ministry Fund to the General Fund. They referred to item #4 on page 25 of the constitution of the church that allows the money to be used or saved. This had been an undesignated gift from the Bickford's estate "to use as they saw fit". Kathy Spaulding made a motion that resolution #4 be clarified at the next meeting. Melba Bangert seconded it. Kathy, Melba and Ken Gerardy will be on the continuing resolution committee. Don Peterson will be asked to join them as well. It carried.

Mutual Ministry looked over the survey from the congregation concerning pastor's responsibilities. They talked about some continuing education. Pastor Dave told the council he would like to attend a class meeting in February. Mutual Ministry has been talking with the staff about their job satisfaction.

Property – Jim Kennedy gave the report passed on by Ken Mueller. There had been damage to the roof in September and the insurance company authorized a \$400 temporary repair. They sent a claims adjuster who itemized the damage and the company sent a check for \$8,189.87 after the \$1,000 deductible. Goss Roofing will make the repairs. A dead bolt lock has been requested for the parsonage for the basement door security reasons. It will be installed soon. Water from the city of Sunrise Beach is getting closer. The installation of the water service line has been completed. We must now arrange for connecting the service line into the lower utility room. We must also have our well disconnected and plugged to be in compliance with DNR regulations. Reid Pump Company is putting together an estimate for the "well cost" work. As soon as more details develop, Ken will inform the council.

Social Ministry – Melba Bangert told about the Festival of Sharing – 78 dental kits had been completed and sent. Some funds from Social Ministry had been used as well as what was donated from the congregation. Share the Harvest received 2 ½ tons of potatoes and 40 of the dental kits. Community of Christ got family packs of food – rice, beans, spaghetti sauce, canned tuna, canned meat and fruit as well as fruit and paper goods. Kathy Norris will be heading the committee at Share the Harvest. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for Salvation Army Bell Ringers at Save A Lot. There will be gift requests on the Christmas trees in the Fellowship Hall for children from Citizens Against Domestic Violence and the Show Me Christian Youth Home. A party for the Show Me Home will be at Kent Memorial on December 12. Everyone is invited to attend and share in the fun time.

Stewardship – All terms of the members of this committee will be ending at the same time. This needs to be corrected so that there is a carryover of responsibility. Terms should be staggered so this situation does not repeat.

Worship & Music – Altar Guild did an inventory of worship items – especially to see that everything will be ready for Christmas. More new hymnals have been donated by Sara Peterson. A small organ donated by Barb Gryte is available for sale. There was some unauthorized use of the sound room which resulted in extra work by the sound people to restore order there. People should understand that the only people authorized to be in that area are the four sound technicians.

“An Evening of Music – Act Two” was very well received. \$1,400 was raised to be divided between Citizens Against Domestic Violence and Kent’s music department. Worship & Music committee will assume more responsibility for ticket sales, etc. if they do it again.

Youth Ministry – The potato bar dinner after church as a fund raiser had a good turnout. Diane reported that they now have \$1,058 in checking and \$3,510 in savings. Four boys and girls came to the first After School Event. They hear that 14 will be coming this week. Karen Pragman is coming along to help. The third Wednesday of the month is the time set aside for this program.

Partnership for the Missional Church – Dan Johnson, Gerry Williams, Jennifer Bolton and Melba Bangert attended last Friday and Saturday. Items discussed were: time line, church future-finder – what are our congregations, what this process is? Learning- Dwelling in the Word? How many more times? There will be a Council retreat on November 21 from 9 until 3 here at the church. It will be led by an outside person who will lead us through a process to determine technical change and adoptive challenge with some interesting questions such as “How does this building affect the community? A missional engagement team (MET) will be chosen. Pastor Dave shared that the pastors

Get together on Friday morning, before the Partnership for the Missional Church group meets on Friday evening and Saturday. Pastor Dave was not able to attend because of a wedding that had been scheduled previously.

Old Business: Jim Kennedy moved that the church council approve Chuck Wanamaker, Michael Wagner, Jerry Husbands and LEEANNE BRUMM for the ballot at the Annual Meeting for new Council Members. Shirley Kirchner seconded. It carried.

The congregational survey (ELCA Social Statement) will be counted after the 2nd service on November 1st by Shirley Kirchner, Diane Ziehl, and Don Peterson. Virgil Norris commented that people are concerned about the social statement – and he has been asked if there was a plan to offer to the congregation after the survey results were known. Melba Bangert said there is a meeting of the 10 councils of the Central States Synod Friday and Saturday and they will be discussing their areas response to the sexuality social statement. Area 9 pastors are meeting tomorrow and this will be discussed there also. Pastor Scott Musselman will represent the Area 9. Jennifer said that the response to the sexuality study will be a step by step process in the way that our congregation plans. Jim Kennedy said that if we find the survey weighted one way or the other, we should be aware of options.

Sunday, November 8 will be the Annual Congregational Meeting Part I.

New business: The proposed 2010 budget compiled by the Finance Committee was approved after Ken Gerardy made the motion and Jim Kennedy seconded. It carried with one no vote.

The committee assignment list for the Advent suppers was passed out.

The church council chose Friday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. for their Christmas party. Pastor Dave and Nancy have asked to host it at their home. Spouses are invited and the four new council members and their spouses will be asked to attend.

Jennifer Bolton made a request to have the council meetings starting at 6:00 p.m. during the months of November, December, January and February. The next meeting will be November 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Jennifer will do a Kent table at the Products and Services show in March 2010 at Lake West Christian Academy, sponsored by the Lake West Chamber of Commerce.

Correspondence: A thank you note had been received from the Pregnancy Help Center for the \$100 gift to the young woman who had helped in the office before her baby was born.

Charles Niemann made a motion to adjourn. The meeting closed at 9:10 p.m. with everyone praying “The Lord’s Prayer”.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Kennedy, Substitute Secretary