

Annual Meeting February 22, 2009

11:35 Meeting called to order.

Opening Devotions: Fredd Ward

Mahlon Peterson: Song: "Together in Faith Through Time"

Accept October 26, 2008 meeting minutes. Move: Karen Anderson, Second: Rich Smilo.
Discussion: None

Vote: All accepted

Bob Pelletier – reviewed 2008 Financial Report. Bank of America controls Dibble fund

Training new Treasurer (Bob's run ends)
Staying on top of letting Congregation know where financials stand.

Endowment – only a loss if you liquidate the account (no intentions)

Dibble Fund – similar state

Curtiss Music Fund – only take proceeds over the original amount

Bob Anderson – tough 6 months and must be careful going forward

Balance Sheet – Feb-Mar should use u the prepaid fuel

New worth – down because of endowment

Income Statement – Membership less than pledged. Expense, saved on personnel because of increase in hours for Associate Pastor not put into effect until later in the year.

Schedule E – reviewed report

We will need to increase membership giving for us not the hit cash.

Question about mission funding: they are self sufficient.

Actions 5: Should we vote all together? Move: Rich Smilo, Second: Kim Sherwood,
Vote: All accepted

Motion to accept: Dave DeBisschop, Second: Linda Vossi Vote: All Accepted (Jean Horan, suggested vote on 4 together and 1 separate, after vote already taken).

Mission to accept Annual reports: Motion: Denise Doran, Second: Louis Dugbartey, Discussion: None, Vote: all accepted

Gina Ash – read excerpts from her report thanking Financial Secretary and Treasurer

Gordon – 12 yrs Asst Treasure – married and moved. No transition into treasurer

Bob Pelletier – 1 year as Co-Treasurer. Treasurer and Co-Treasurer have a vote @ council. This does not go against the bylaws.

Motion: Bob Peterson, Second: Kim Sherwood, Discussion: none. Vote: all accepted

Nominating: Denise Doran reviewed nominations and open positions

Kim Sherwood questioned Pat Palmer on Diaconate – should not be. Jean Horan stated that resignations should be put in writing.

Motion: Rich Smilo, Second: Rick Dufresne, Discussion: T/B determined (meeting times)

Vote: All accepted

Other New Business:

Gordon: Acknowledged 2 gifts in 2008

1. Chairs from Clothier
2. New Sign from the Sletner family

Mary Pelletier: Youth event, corned beef and cabbage (\$14) on March 14th, David Greene magician will entertain.

Jean Horan suggested the bylaws be put on church website.

Slide Show

Benediction: Gordon Rankin

Budget Meeting
October 18, 2009

Meeting called to order @ 11:45

Opening hymn and prayer

Kim Sherwood read The Call

Gina Ash commented on a quorum for the meeting.

Gordon addressed congregation on voting on the 2010 budget deficit with of over \$50,000.00. Council presenting it to congregation knowing it is significant. Also presenting a motion that will be part 2 "A Ways and Means Task Force"how we are serving others, meeting parishioner's needs, and how we live within in the means that we have. We understand that a longer term vision needs to be looked at. Any options we looked at had many impacts. It is congregation's option to not accept what council and business presents.

Bob Pelletier giving specifics on budget. Membership giving should average out by end of yr at 113,000. Individual programs have tried to hold the line on everything they have done. To date have spent 31,434.88 more than we have brought in. We pre-bought oil in 2008 for the 2009 year – Bob had to move 15,000 from the reserve fund, hoping he could put that money back, and has not yet been able to put that money back. Endowment coming back slowly. We are where we thought we would be at this point. Bob asked if there were any questions on where we stand right now – no questions.

2010 budget: no increase personnel budget. Heat and fuel lowered, due to price of natural gas and it being used in parish house. Mike Frenis, Dottie Cacchillo, and Bob went back to 2008 thru now to come up with current numbers. Nursery care was donation in 2009; we need to pick that up in 2010. Expenses for 2010 – 388,057 – comes from membership giving at 135,000.00. Rick Dufresne asked if the member giving was behind – we pledged 134,500.....only expect 114,000...Linda Bosse asked at what percentage we are doing the endowment transfer.....5%.. Have a deficit of 54,945.00. Bob Anderson asked if we are projecting a 32,000 deficit – Bob P answered yes.

Do we believe this is a singular event? Council debated this; membership giving is down to some degree. Bob does not know where deficit money will come from. Bob discussed borrowing. One idea is to take a loan, another is to ask trustees to take out of the endowment and not put it back. Dick W looked at the 30,000 down, was that based on membership giving of 150,000....we have potential of being 50 – 60 K down. Linda mentioned passing a temporary increase in the endowment....a few yrs back – asking members to give a little extra. Wonders if this will be considered again. Gordon

responded that stewardship did not want to throw this out before the budget meeting. Stewardship will be kicking off next week. We feel different about asking our members to dig deeper. We are trying to strike a balance in asking the members to give more. Rolanda said there r people that r blessed that some of us r okay – can't we target people that CAN give? Gordon said that could be done, but need to be cautious. Doris Carroll said we need to be creative to find a way to bring community money in here too. Gordon mentioned Sways and Means committee will need to look at that – certainly not effect 2010 budget – but going forward. Have we sought ideas from other churches? Gordon responded that the spring conference meeting ended around conversations like this. All ideas that came up have fiscal consequences. Ron Bottacari asked if we are we tracking our membership trends.

Craig mentioned moving the money out of UBS – not happy with what they are doing with our money. Dropped close to a million dollars. Able to get a reduction of 1.3 % in fees. Mentioned if we take out a loan and continue the 5%, we will see a significant decline in the funds. Craig asked if there were any questions on what we are doing with the fund. Isabelle mentioned that she feels the current market is like a house of glass.....scary gimmicks banks are using. Wants us to proceed very cautiously.

Marji wanted to see what we are going to decide what we are going to do with the 2010 budget – wants to move forward.

Gina suggested to take a vote on the 2010 budget as it exists. Laurie Phillips made motion to accept motion – Doug Hughes 2nd. Further discussion offered. Denise wanted to know if we are voting to move forward with the deficit...answer yes. Linda asked about the Ways and Means committee.....will it be for 2010 budget – Gordon answered no – that will be going forward. Business will be responsible for 2010. All in favor – 25 members opposed. None abstained. Budget has been passed.

Ways and Means Committee Kim made motion to appoint a ways and means task force – Bob Anderson 2nd. None opposed.

Kim made motion to adjourn, Rich 2nd. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Kim Sherwood