

## **Cross Congregational Meeting-Sunday July, 25, 2010**

**Attendees-** 64 members signed in.

**Meeting called to order by Bob Leverenz at 10:30 a.m.**

**Invocation & Opening Prayer by Pastor Barry Osterbur**

### **Minutes from April 25, 2010 meeting**

- Minutes reviewed
- Motion by Tom Johnson to accept minutes
- Motion seconded by Rich Jones
- Motion carried

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Bob Brown presented his report.
- The profit & loss sheets show total expenses for June at \$22,978.69. With the June net income at -\$1,251.01. The YTD total expenses are \$140,755.28 with the YTD net income at -\$3,046.54.
- The balance sheet through June shows total liabilities & equity at \$990,854.16.
- Motion by Carl Kammer to accept the treasurer's report
- Motion seconded by Linda Parpart
- Motion carried

### **On Going Business**

#### **Reallocation of Thrivent Funds**

- Bob Brown stated that the approx. \$53,000.00 that we had invested with Thrivent last year earned no money. Bob consulted with Pat Klenner at Thrivent and transferred the funds to 4 different accts. (1 money market and 3 stock funds) Bob B. mentioned that these are conservative funds and that the money had been evenly distributed among the 4. There was a one time front end load fee that was paid and we may now move money throughout different funds if we so choose without any additional fees. Pat Klenner will monitor the funds and make recommendations.
- Bob B. is expecting the first official statement on these accts. at the end of June and will then continue to receive them quarterly.

#### **Audit Results**

- Bob Brown stated that the audit was done on May 8<sup>th</sup>. It covered from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2009.
- The audit committee was comprised of Sandy McLeod as the chairperson, with Christy Thomson, Meg Walters, Randy Dayne and Mike Pedica.
- They produced a 45 page document which is available for anyone interested in viewing it. The summary suggests 33 actions, with a few minor discrepancies and

some outdated policies and procedures. Bob B. stated that the numbers are in order as of Jan. 2010.

- Bob Brown will assign people to review the noted necessary actions and make any revisions.

### **May 22<sup>nd</sup> Synod Assembly Update**

- Naomi Loose and Rory Clark attended the assembly.
- They shared how the weekend progressed. The main theme of the assembly was The 5 Steps to “Justice”.
- They reviewed the different topics of discussion such as; the military, how they are affected by their services, PTSD, and how to find the positive in racism.
- There were 2 resolutions
  - 1.) Israeli- peace between countries- passed
  - 2.) Same sex marriage- not passed
- They mentioned the various bishops that spoke and their particular topics, such as: “Living together for the future” and “What really matters to God?”

### **New Business**

#### **Marcia’s Retirement**

- Bob Leverenz talked about how Mike Beauvais and the Worship committee have broken Marcia’s position into categories. The main priorities are a piano accompanist (they have a list of subs available) and a choir director.
- Areas such as Creative Arts, Wedding & Funeral Music, etc. will be delegated to current members.
- Bob L. shared that things are underway and they will continue to look at future needs and conform accordingly.
- Marcia’s last Sunday will be August 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Marcia’s Sendoff**

- Pastor Barry passed out a letter sharing information regarding Marcia’s retirement and the celebration we will all share in on Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup> between services.
- We will present gifts to Marcia, which Jim Loftus will collect for. The Maisanos are in charge of the fellowship and Elaine Osterbur will contact former choir and praise team members to join us that day.
- The second service will start late.

#### **Youth Position Request**

- Jim Loftus discussed that there have been several meetings since last Dec. with himself and Karen, the Beauvais, Dietrichs, and Pastor Kimberly Vaughn.
- Lisa Beauvais presented their findings, ways to build on them and new programs at the executive board meeting this past Thursday.
- It was voted on and approved to continue the process and follow through with hiring a person specifically for the youth ministry.

### **Pastor Kimberly's Position**

- Bob Leverenz stated that Kimberly's current position is due to end this month.
- The executive board recommends that we extend her position through the end of the year. It was noted that if we hire a person for the youth position, Kimberly's position would end.
- It was shared that we have approx. \$60,000.00 as a cushion of funds if needed for paying her position. It would be approx \$7,500.00 to pay Kimberly through the end of the year.
- Motion made by Rich Jones to extended Kimberly's position as currently contracted through the end of the year.
- Motion seconded by Carl Kammer
- Motion carried
- Rich Jones asked that we might consider giving Kimberly a "signing bonus" for her good services here at Cross.

### **Summer Patio Chats**

- Pastor Barry stated that these "Patio Chats" are follow up to the "Fireside Chats" we previously had.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> one will Monday July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Howe's home. Focusing on young families. Jim Loftus and Pastor Barry will be there.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> will be on Monday Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> at the Osterbur's home. Focusing on worship and music.

### **Highlights**

#### **Sunday School**

- Josie Tipton stated that her and Joe Zdybel had created a calendar for the entire Sunday school to worship once a month with the congregation at the 9:30 services. They coordinated the schedule with special dates or events that will be coming up so they can worship with families and be apart of special worship services.

#### **Open Mike- none**

#### **Presidents comments**

- Bob Leverenz stated that we need counters and if you are interested please see him.
- We need to grow our membership so invite people to worship.

#### **Prayer by Pastor Barry Osterbur**

- Motion to adjourn meeting by Rich Jones
- Motion seconded by Matt Tipton
- Motion carried

**Meeting adjourned at 12:30p.m.**

