

**Our Redeemer Lutheran  
Church Council Meeting  
2/9/10**

**Regular Meeting attendees included: Jennifer Villarreal, Jan Potter, Carol Unsderfer, Michelle Lowden, Mike Lowden, Tom Stanton, Larry Petzoldt, Herchel Crainer, Monte Cross, Pastor Tom, and Tim Givan.**

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Starla Wells/Michelle Lowden**

**Christ Care:** Pastor shared a devotion regarding the fact that the Lord knows what you need. He also updated us on the Heiney's situation overseas – there was an uprising – the Council prayed together for them

**Reports:**

- **MINUTES:** Tim moved and Herchel seconded a motion to approve the minutes from January 2010 and the motion passed. Herchel made note of the fact that he feels that Starla does a very good job taking Council Minutes. (Thanks!)
- **TREASURE:** Tim moved and Jan seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report for January 2010. The motion passed. It was noted that the Hilst Scholarship fund has only \$42,554 in it at this time – not \$150,000 as was noted at last month's meeting.
- **STAFF:**
  - ~**Pastor** – Reported that our Mission gifts this past month totaled \$3,175 in offerings - \$462 pledged each month for a total of \$8719.00. There are more offerings to come according to Pastor.
  - ~**ELDERS** – Reported that they will be calling four guest Pastors to help relieve Pastor Tom during Chemo weeks. They are close to getting Henry's job evaluation done and hope to report on it next month.
  - ~**Henry** – no report – on vacation.
- **COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS:**
  - ~ **Children's Nurture:** Jennifer reported that Amber Wortz is stepping down as Youth Club Director so they will need to call someone new.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Noting a word change on our Agenda – the next item of business was to "Create" (not subsidize) an **Endowment Committee**. Pastor has been approached by 2 people about endowments. Faith Kern left \$15,000 to the church. Another family has moved in to our church and they have money they might want to leave to our church in an Endowed Fund. Suggestions for this Committee included: Steve Rempel, Hank Gier, Alex McLeod, Jim Preston and Erwin Choitz. It was moved by Tom that we table this issue until next month giving everyone time to think about this idea a bit longer before acting upon it. Tim seconded the motion and it passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Consecrated Stewardship Program:** Monte is still playing phone tag with Steve Bremer. It was noted that we need to let him know we are ready to move forward with this program and we don't want to be put off any longer. Pastor questioned how this program can be conducted during March with guest Pastor's coming in to cover for him. Tom suggested that if we can't make concrete plans with Steve Bremer soon we need to move in another direction. Monte will call Steve again on Wednesday. We may need to look at beginning this program after Easter. Monte suggested we still do the Debt Reduction Blitz in April. It was suggested that we could do a big push for the Blitz right before our Annual Meeting at the end of that month. Herchel moved to table the Consecrated Stewardship Program for now – Tim seconded the motion and it will be discussed again next month.

- **Roof Repairs** – There is significant storm damage to our roof according to Larry but it also has outlived its life span. It was suggested that someone needs to call Fee Insurance to come and take a look at it. A roofer has been called to give us a bid. Herchel says a roofer should look at it and assess the damage for us.
- **Sound System:** Tim Givan reported that the total bill for our new system was \$12,696.64. We paid \$5,000 in August. The remainder - \$7,696.64 was to be taken out of the Delker Fund as we had discussed earlier but we have no funds to replace that money. Michelle moved to pay what was remaining on our bill out of the Delker Fund. There wasn't a second. Tom suggested that we use some of the money left to ORL by Faith Fern to pay off the sound system bill and the roof expenses. There was no second. Tim moved that this be tabled until Jim could be consulted. Tom seconded the motion and it passed.
- **Financial Review Update**– no report
- **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
  - **Nominations for new members:** Monte wants to form a committee as we have done previously to look at calls for positions needing to be filled. Mike will lead this committee. Folks whose terms are up in an even year include: Monte – Starla – Herchel – Ed – Tom – Jan – Michelle and Larry.
  - **Annual Congregational Meeting** was set for April 25<sup>th</sup>. We will host a potluck dinner at noon and the meeting will follow no later than 1:10 pm.
  - **FY 2010/2011 Budget.** Work sheets were handed out to all Council members who have budgets. **They are to be turned in to Mike by next month's meeting.** Monte suggested that all Commissions look at where they could trim some expenses. Monte is going to get an itemized list for each Commission so please check your mail boxes.
  - **Record Retention Policy.** Pastor wants to have a written statement that says that records can be destroyed after 5 years. Tom moved to keep the last 7 years of records and purge the rest. Herchel seconded the motion and it passed. It was noted that Tech will shred papers for us at no cost.

**ACTION ITEMS:** None

**LONG RANGE ITEMS:**

- Consecrated Stewardship Program details
- Fundraising Committee work
- Bond Funding of Future Debt/Building Project – tabled.
- Strategic Plan review – in progress
- Church Wide Goals status – in progress
- Endowment Fund update – tabled.
- **Updating of Commissions' Job Descriptions – To Be DONE this month and given to Tom Stanton – Herchel Crainer and/or Jon Potter**
- Building Usage Agreement
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**CALENDARIZING:**

Herchel will be OD at the Early Service on 2/21  
 Michelle will be OD on the evening of 2/28 for Herchel  
 Monte will be OD on Wednesday 2/24 for Michelle  
 Don will be OD on 2/14 for Tim  
 Tim will be OD on 2/17 for Ash Wednesday

**ADJOURNMENT:**

~Closed with the Lord's Prayer