

## Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Council Meeting 1/12/10

Regular Meeting attendees included: Don Sketchley, Henry Blickhan, Starla Wells, 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

**Christ Care:** Pastor shared a personal story for our devotion. Jan Potter was welcomed as a new appointee for our Fellowship Commission.

### **Reports:**

- MINUTES: Don moved and Tim seconded a motion to approve the minutes from November 2009 and the minutes from December 2009 were reviewed. We did not have a quorum at that meeting.
- TREASURE: Tom moved and Don seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report for November 2009. The motion passed. Michelle moved and Don seconded a motion to approve the December 2009 report and it passed. A change was made on the reports changing the "2008 year to date" from \$7,591 to \$6,484.
- STAFF:
  - ~Pastor –Shared that at the end of this week he will be half way through his chemo treatments. Recently received a CAT Scan report that was very good. Pastor had received \$1100.00 in miscellaneous donations and asked the council to decide what to do. Don moved to give 1/3 to the Building Fund, 1/3 to the Debt Reduction Fund and 1/3 toward roof repair expenses. There was not a second. Herchel moved that all the money go to the Roof Repair expenses – Don seconded the motion and it passed. Pastor will ask Jim to start a new line item in the budget to represent Roof Repairs. Pastor also reported that the Hilst Scholarship Fund is up to almost \$150,000 and suggested that we perhaps discuss other uses for this money with the Hilst family. He also suggested that we make larger gifts from the fund as requested and/or pay for our seminary student out of this fund. Pastor noted that he is again teaching Confirmation Classes to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday evenings. He didn't make many shut in visits during the cold weather but will start those up again.
  - ~Henry – shared that he has now had some time to clear the stage and assist with the new storage room work that we've been doing. He's begun looking at new VBS material for 2010. Now that he has figured out all that the new sound system is able to do he will begin work on figuring out the presentation capability of the system and how we can incorporate that in our services/programs. Henry is working on calendarizing his upcoming year and how he can help the Commissions with the work that they need to do. Henry talked about the ORL Web Site reporting that we have over 100 links on the site and 40 of those are ones that we control and need to keep up to date. Betty and Henry are working on membership updates and Henry is working on a new member welcome. Henry will be on vacation from February 8<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ELDERS –
  - ~Herchel reported that the Elders continue to meet and work with Pastor on Henry's job evaluation. They want to narrow the scope of what Henry does at ORL. They hope to have it done later this year.

- COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS:
  - ~ Worship: Pastor noted that Camilla Geuy will be coming through Hutchinson on 3/18 with a traveling choir. They will need housing that evening and meals and they will be performing at ORL as well that evening.
  - ~Constitution Review Committee: Tom reported that this committee meets monthly is now looking at the church Bylaws. They are very grateful for the help that Jon Potter provides in overseeing this work. **Tom is asking that each Commissioner and Council Member review their job descriptions and let Tom know of any changes that we feel might need to be made by the end of January.**
  - ~ Children's Nurture: no report
  - ~Property: Larry continues to be concerned about the roof repair that we will need and is working on getting estimates for this project.
  - ~Christian Service: Pastor thanked Carol and Tom for the work they did on the Salvation Army Christmas Tree. Everyone was grateful for the generosity of the Congregation. Pastor suggested having another such project in July – Christmas in July perhaps as the needs are still there even at that time of year. He even suggested making our Services Christmas oriented with Christmas Carols, etc.
  - ~Adult Nurture: Tom says that he will talk with Jenna Lowden and AJ Ebersole about helping start a college class at ORL.
  - ~Youth Nurture: Michelle reported that Daniel is stepping down as Treasure of this Commission and will need to be replaced.
  - ~Stewardship: It was noted that the Stewardship Committee will need to be actively involved in the Consecrated Stewardship program later this year.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Consecrated Stewardship Program: Monte has not yet been able to get in touch with Steve Brimmer to organize this event. It was again mentioned that Ken Kelley and Doris Sloup be contacted about leading "the team" needed for this event. This will then be turned over to Stewardship once we get some dates set, materials ordered, etc.
- Review Evening Service: After much discussion regarding the Evening Service and where its future lies Tom moved that we continue this service for another year with it being a Lay Led Service – with Pastor conducting Communion on the last Sunday each month. Don seconded the motion and it passed. Pastor will make sure to note in the bulletin that this service will be a Contemporary Service – with a Lay message. Discussion included moving it to a Saturday evening service – concern about it being led by our laity and not Pastor – the dislike by some that if Pastor leads the service that we get the same sermon as before. Pastor noted that lay people can give a message in any of our services and that perhaps those that are doing this on a regular basis could be "called" and recognized as being lay leaders just as we do for other groups such as our teachers, our YC leaders, our Church Council, etc. Monte encouraged Tim and his Commission to consider using the Worship Team in our regular services from time to time and having a Contemporary Service on Sunday mornings once in a while. It was also noted that many like the idea of having a single morning service once a quarter or so in order for all of us to worship together.
- Financial Review Update– Don felt he is in need of a safe before they can put some new procedures in place which have been suggested by our Financial Review. Monte asked that Don and his counters meet as soon as possible and review the procedures listed in the Financial Review report and adopt/amend what they feel is doable for ORL and present those to the Council. Don said this will be done by next month's meeting. Starla suggested that we need this done so that we can report back to the

Congregation on what we did to follow up the Financial Review that we paid for. This can be done at our Annual Meeting later this year. Don said of the 8 suggestions made in the report that 4 fall on his shoulders.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Monte wants the letters to go out this month to those on the Council whose terms are up calling them to serve again. He will work with Betty and Pastor to get this done. Monte will appoint a nominating committee to help with suggested folks to call for positions needing to be filled. He will also ask Ed Ladd to do follow up phone calls as he's done before. Folks whose terms are up in an even year include: Monte – Starla – Herchel – Ed – Tom – Jan – Michelle and Larry.
- No date was set for our Annual Congregational Meeting later this year.
- FY 2010/2011 Budget. This work will begin soon. Jon and Mike will be heading this task up. Tom stated that we need to make certain that all Commissioners know when and where money is going when it is spent out of their line items.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Henry asked if we would approve having a group of Boy Scouts who will be visit the Cosmosphere stay at ORL on 2/20. They will be told that they need to be out of the church by 8:00 am the following morning since it is a Sunday. Michelle moved that we honor this request; Tom seconded the motion – Henry noted that in the past the Scouts have left a sizable donation when using our church in this manner.
- Henry said they had also had a request that the Thrivent Chapter Board be allowed to use our church van to attend a meeting coming up soon. Walt Tritsch would be driving the van. Tim moved that this request be approved; Tom seconded the motion and it passed.
- Henry and Pastor were asked to go back and look at our Building Usage Agreement and update us at the next meeting.

### **LONG RANGE ITEMS:**

- Consecrated Stewardship Program details
- SET date for next Congregational Assembly Meeting (annual meeting)
- 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

### **CALENDARIZING:**

- Tim Givan will OD on 2/7 and on 2/17
- Don Sketchley will OD on 2/14
- It was noted that OD's will be responsible for Oding at Lent Services on Wednesday evenings or making arrangements for someone to OD for them if needed.
- It was noted that Don Sketchley is now using his cell phone number on our Church Council roster as his office number and his email has changed to: [don.sketchley@thrivent.com](mailto:don.sketchley@thrivent.com) Don is our new Thrivent Representative. Congrats!!
- Pastor will see that Jan's information be added to our new roster as well.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

~Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Following adjournment – Henry gave us a brief update on what to be responsible for when we our OD's in regards to the new Sound System.