

University Lutheran Church of Hope

Board of Commissioners' Meeting

July 11, 2007

Present: Pastor Craig Shirley, Administrator Craig Wiester, President Karmi Mattson, Kirsten Mebust presenting an Isaiah proposal, Past-President Garvin Davenport, Social Justice's Karen Westwood, Education's Lisa Morse, Treasurer Norris Waalen, Vice President Bob Moluf, Outreach's Marty Lewis-Hunstiger, Facilities' Fred Kreider, Care & Nurture's Sharla Aaseng, Social Justice's Donna Neste, & Stewardship's Tim Gustafson.

Absent: Worship's James Hlavka & Pastor Kwanza Yu.

President Karmi Mattson started the meeting shortly after 7:00pm. We went around the table for a check-in.

President Karmi Mattson called our attention to the agenda. She reminded us about the procedure for minutes approval. She went on to introduce Kirsten Mebust for more on her ISAIAH Inreach Proposal.

Kirsten distributed a handout with a proposed schedule for the inreach activities; she then explained some of her thoughts. Considerable discussion ensued. It was moved and seconded to go with Option 2 from the proposal. The motion carried by split vote. Kirsten then left the meeting.

President Karmi Mattson introduced the topic of the proposed confidentiality policy. She passed out copies of the proposed policy and asked us to read it. It was moved and seconded to adopt it. We had a discussion, questioning details of the policy and clarifying definitions. We withdrew the motion in favor of another re-work by the author, Bob Moluf.

Lisa Morse updated us on the plans for September 9, Rally Day. This will also fill the role of the Board-Sponsored Congregational Event. The committee has a planning meeting scheduled for tomorrow lunch-time. Tentative plans call for a single worship service at 10:00am followed by the "festival". People floated a number of fund-raising ideas.

Past President Garvin Davenport updated us on Fellowship Meal plans for the fall. He reported his understanding that plans are in place for October and November. September is already tied up; December is, of course, December and is always pretty busy as well.

President Karmi Mattson led us into the topic of the new governance model. She pointed out that the congregation has given us the authority to proceed; we now need to figure out how to implement the new plan. We discussed this topic extensively, making minor suggestions along the way. We were able, in most cases, to identify people to head up the new "commissions" and suggest people for the others. We decided to take another month with an eye toward starting up the new structure in September 2007.

Moving on to Financial reports, Treasurer Norris Waalen took the floor to lead a discussion of the reports now in the hands of all members of this Board. We are, he pointed out, gaining ground on the revenue side. Our deficit at this time is only about half what it was this time last year.

Norris went on to distribute annual budget reports by Commission.

He also expressed concern about Room for Fresh Creations revenues, suspecting these contributions have dropped off since February. He also mentioned the tax benefits of contributing directly from an IRA. That option is now tax-free not only at the federal level, but at the state level as well for those over 70 ½. The window is from now through the end of 2007. The financials were accepted; moved, seconded, and carried.

In response to a question about the governance transition, Karmi confirmed that the Board will continue to meet in its current configuration in August, after which we will move into the new structure.

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer just after 9:00pm.