

Spirit of Christ Community Lutheran Church  
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**Spirit of Christ Community Lutheran Church  
Church Council Minutes for April 14, 2011**

Attendance: Anne Kraft, Carolee Cohen, Dave Latvala, Sara Blood, Pastor Wes Syverson, Rod Gulbro, Karla Larson, Jeanne Worm, Nancy Malone, Kevin Roetzer, Nicole Goerges, Jason Goerges

**I. Devotions**

Council President Anne Kraft called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Vice President Carolee Cohen led in Devotions. Pastor Wes Syverson followed with a prayer.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** to approve the April 14, 2011 agenda

**Vote:** Approved. M/S/C

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** to approve the minutes for the March 10, 2011 council meeting with the following corrections: add Kevin Roetzer and Nicole Goerges to attendance, change “read” to “reading” in pastor’s report and add an “a” in front of “well” in adult education.

**Vote:** Approved. M/S/C

**IV. Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Dave Latvala reported Spirit of Christ (SOC) has not received a payment from Emmaus Road for use of the Ascension property and that he would look into this. He also said the benevolence has not been paid to the Minneapolis Area Synod, but that it may be switched to a quarterly payment.

**V. Pastor’s Report**

A flier has been mailed to the community, inviting neighbors to SOC's Easter service and to consider making a donation to the St. Louis Park Emergency Program (STEP). Syverson also said he is working on the final details for the community day, May 21. He will include information on how to sign up in the May newsletter. He also requested the council to entertain a motion to pay the West Metro Grief Support Coalition \$150 for support and \$150 to cover an annual spring volunteer dinner, which SOC has done in the past. Kraft asked about involving Kristina Fruge in these upcoming activities and Syverson confirmed he is going to meet with her.

Dates have also been set for the youth mission trip to Chicago, June 20-26, and for summer day camp, Aug. 22-25.

Syverson also provided an update on Parish Coordinator Teresa Nordahl's father, who is in poor health.

**Motion:** to pay West Metro Grief Support \$300: \$150 for support and \$150 to cover the volunteer dinner.

**Discussion:** Latvala confirmed the \$300 will come from the Family and other side funds. Cohen also suggested that anticipated reoccurring fees should be identified in the budget rather than being voted on annually.

**Vote:** Approved. M/S/C

## **VI. Old Business**

### **A. Mission Outreach Coordinator**

Kraft confirmed SOC has signed a contract with Kristina Fruge to serve as the mission outreach coordinator, a position that will receive its funding from the EOCM grant through the end of 2011. Kraft provided the council with a list of items that Fruge will be assigned to, such as finishing up the community listening project. Fruge's office hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays and she will use former Pastor Kevin Bergeson's office space. Fruge will provide her first report to the council in May, and Kraft said a discussion will need to be held by the council at the end of the summer to assess progress on assignments and to determine whether the position will be renewed in 2012 and how it will be funded.

### **B. Janitor**

Kraft reported that a janitor started Wednesday and that he will be working on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Properties Team Lead Dale Klinkhammer and his wife, Joanne Stone, will purchase some new cleaning supplies, and volunteers who previously helped to clean the church have been notified. The council reminded Kraft that the janitor will need to fill out an I-9 (proof of citizenship) form.

### **C. Call Committee**

Kraft has a call into the Minneapolis Area Synod to get the call committee process started. Council members asked again about a church profile, and Kraft said she would ask Lowell Brandt and Mary Anne Murray about it. The council compiled a long list of names, with the ultimate goal of winnowing down the list to five committee members – as defined by the SOC constitution – and two alternates – with Latvala serving as chair.

## **VII. Other Old Business**

Latvala reported back on the SOC insurance policy and confirmed that it does not cover private gatherings that are not church-related. The insurance company suggested that the group sign a waiver

and that they will eventually provide a suggested form.

## **VIII. New Business**

### **A. Camperships - Nancy**

Children, Youth and Family Team Lead Nancy Malone asked the council to entertain a motion to provide the three kids attending Camp Wapo this summer with \$100 scholarships to attend.

**Motion:** to provide Walter Malone, Carolyn and Tommy Guddal with \$100 “camperships” (scholarships) to attend Camp Wapo.

**Vote:** Approved. M/S/C

### **B. New Windows**

**Motion:** to grant LeRoy Murray permission to begin fundraising to replace the windows in SOC's Fellowship Hall and Green Room.

**Vote: Approved.**

### **C. Other New Business**

None.

## **IX. Ministry Team Reports**

### **A. Mission & Social Action**

The team believes it has found enough volunteers to cover most of the meals at TreeHouse for May. (The meal program changes in the summer.) An announcement will be made on this soon at church. The council recognized member Lydia Monahan for her efforts with that organization. Families Moving Forward is Monday, April 25, and Feed My Starving Children is May 7. The Social Action team also received a check from a former member to cover shelter meals for the next couple of months.

Member Joanne Stone is getting more information from Pastor Dan Ruth regarding the well project, which several members have expressed interested in starting as a global mission project.

SOC will also be collecting toilet paper in May for STEP.

### **B. Children, Youth & Families**

Celebration Sunday is slated for Sunday, May 22. Some of the members will be gathering on April 20 to review the tool Fruge has developed for the listening project.

The team held a successful pancake breakfast fundraiser at Green Mill. More than \$800 was raised

toward the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering trip. They are working on the next fundraiser, which may be bowling at Park Tavern.

They are also looking at participating in the St. Louis Parktacular parade later on this summer.

### **C. Fellowship**

Team Lead Nicole Goerges is scheduling home visits. They are also looking to host a hip hop concert at SOC with Redeemer Jump Crew in August.

### **D. Worship & Music**

Team Lead Rod Gulbro reported that the organization of the music library is coming along. He also met with EMI and had a proposal put together for a new church sound system. The council discussed the proposal and agreed to some accessories. Gulbro will follow up in May with a final proposal from EMI. He may also work securing a second bid from another audio company, but reported that he crossed referenced EMI's pricing on the Internet and felt that their costs were reasonable.

### **E. Other reports**

#### **i. Women of Spirit**

Members are asked to contact the group if supplies are low in the kitchen. The group will also host a salad supper later on in the fall, with the proceeds going to the youth group. The women on the council who attended the retreat reported back. They were able to complete nine blankets for the blanket project.

### **X. Next Council Meeting**

Thursday, May 12. Hospitality: Rod Gulbro

### **XI. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara N. Blood

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