

**Epiphany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
June 9**

In Attendance: Renita Hillis, Beth Boylard, Lynn Chrisman, Pastor Tim Kuenzli, Craig Werner, Kris Huffman, Rachel Arps, Mike Poyer, Jerry Kisner, Don Maurer, Carol Low, Charlie Cline and Brian Meinardi,

Excused: Darby Graves, Rick Wuerth, Mike Renner,

Call to Order: Don Maurer called the meeting to order:

Devotion: Carol Low offered the devotion reading

May Minutes: Council reviewed, corrected and approved the minutes of its May meeting. (see paragraph at end of this file)

Motion made and approved to allow Property to move a historical cross from HMOC to Narthex per the Anniversary Committee request. Pastor Tim made motion, Renita second.

Financial Secretary/Treasurer Reports: Rachel Arps delivered her report. We were under budget in May. Receipts were down the last week of May because of Memorial Day weekend.

Brian reported:

Slightly negative income in June. Year to date income was \$22,000.
No unusual items,

Non budget was positive, primarily due to youth fund raiser.

Total Checking \$78,000 in May

Net checking is \$58,000

Total cash 97,744.16.

No big expenses.

There was an offsetting payment to Grace for flowers that their members paid for.

Gifts and furnishings: \$1500 was spent on dishwasher from the facilities maintenance fund.

Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's reports were approved: Moved: Charlie and 2nd Mike Poyer

Pastor discussed additional funding for contemporary band leader positions. (see handout) Cheridy Keller will be hired at a rate of \$125/week. Kevin Oliver, Eric Van Wagner, and Phil Markins at \$60/week. Ken Moore at \$50/week. This was approved last month. He has details, see handout.

No motion was needed since a pay increase was approved in April by CC.

A motion was made that the vacation policy be approved by Brian, 2nd Craig.

Pastor and the Mutual Ministry Team have reviewed the staff salaries and recommend that the base salaries be increased by 3% for the 2nd half of 2011. This proposal was discussed, and we decided to table this motion until the end of the year and reconsider it during the budget discussion for 2012. There were suggestions to look into a 1st time bonus payment. Concern was expressed about the future giving and the economy. Charlie motioned to table further discussion until September, and Lynn 2nd.

We looked into the constitutional requirements and CC can change the budget up to 2% of our annual receipts, which is approximately \$14,000 if our giving matches our \$740,000 budget for 2011.

Pastor Tim reported that Synod meeting was uneventful. Synod budget was reduced again, and less money is being sent to national. Mike and Polly Renner reported to Pastor, that the workshops were very good. Pastor Tim was elected to Trinity Seminary Board.

Youth: Bellaire trip, the cost for transportation will be taken from the bus budget for transportation. Brian reminded Lynn that there is \$2,800 from

the Faith Mission fund that can be used for Youth outreach activities if needed.

Brian reported that the Audit Committee (Karen Peterson, John Pysarchuk, Tom Stultz) will be meeting soon, working with Mike Poyer (Budget), Brian Meinardi (Treasurer), Rachel Arps (Financial Secretary) and Gina Brockhoff (Bookkeeper).

This finishes Brian's report and money matters.

Pastor's Topics:

5 are going to Haiti. Cost is \$530/ticket. Anna Kuenzli, Tim Kuenzli, Donna Saunders, Dennis Claypool and Cindy _____?

Tim will be gone most of July between Haiti trip and vacation. He will be here for anniversary Sunday with Mike Walters.

TGIW meeting will be on 16th of June. Several people have expressed interest. They are working on a Wed. Bible Study.

Committee Topics:

Jerry reported that the PCMA food pantry has approved the purchase of a new site near Grapevine Pizza that does not require going up stairs on the way in and out.

Lynn reported that the youth auction went very well, raising close to \$6000. They are also received money (approx. \$1,100) from Kroger shoppers.

Preschool: They are waiting for permits for the new sign, which the city outsources to a private company. Craig said sign permits are handled by an outsourced company.

Board will be meeting over summer to review and redo policies and procedures.

Charlie reported that the Simple Giving campaign produced no new users. We have approximately 25 % of givers using simple giving. Tim Harris may take Charlie's place

Mike: Start thinking about the 2012 budget.

Carol: 4th July flyer is going in Sunday, for 4th July to do pre-scooping, set up and take down, and Slap Dash Quartet will be here.

Craig reported that we have two people working on the cleaning committee now. Thanks to Pastor Tim and Jon Brockoff who pulled wires from new dishwasher and installed the proper wiring.

Don closed the meeting with the Lord's prayer.

Next meeting in August, NOT July.

This is paragraph that was corrected in the May Minutes:

School ends next week. Director Heidi Stover will return next fall. She will be working 10 hours per week this summer. Her schedule will be flexible but she will be present the week of Vacation Bible School because it presents enrollment opportunities. In the fall, her hours will be moved back up to 35 hours per week. This is at the request of teachers who want more time with the director to work on school matters. The request reflects favorably on Heidi's job performance.

Respectfully Submitted

Carol Low and Jerry Kisner