

**GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
*March 21, 2010***

PRESENT: Craig Bluemlein, Doug Ebert, Pastor Vicki, Paul Goodridge, Walda Helvie, Wayne Kennett, Todd Kuhse, David Quandt, Hansel Ramathal, Don Shattuck

ABSENT: Amy Honnerlaw, Rainer Jaeschke, Donna Lancaster

Don called the meeting to order and Paul led the opening prayer.

Don presented the agenda. Hansel moved, and Paul seconded, to adopt the agenda, and the motion carried.

Todd presented the minutes from the February 14, 2010, meeting. Craig moved, and Walda seconded, to accept the minutes, and the motion carried.

**I. SPIRITUAL SHARING**

Brief reflection and stories of faith shared by all.

**II. DISCIPLESHIP TEAMS**

- ◆ Walda reported that Gail Cato will be stepping down as a Co-chair of the Nurture-Outreach Committee.
- ◆ Don reported that there was standing water in the kitchen and reception areas. The root cause was a dislodged brick blocking the drainage outside. Pastor Vicki mentioned the possibility of adding a roof above the office entrance. Property Committee is aware of the situation and will discuss further solutions at the next meeting.

**III. PASTOR'S REPORT**

Pastor Vicki requested approval for Don to send a request to the Bishop allowing Doug Ebert to consecrate the Eucharist for communion at Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, services. Todd moved and Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> Council's approval of this request. The motion carried.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

- ◆ Don gave a brief update on the Constitution/By-laws Task Force. Chris Mehling has created a draft of the possible changes and distributed to the rest of the task force. After getting proper feedback, the Task Force will be prepared to make a final report to Council in April.
- ◆ Business Manager: Todd gave a brief update on the search committee. The committee is still forming, including a search for a co-chair. HR has provided a few

names for the committee and Finance will provide a list as well. Kathy Wuellner provided feedback on the job description and Council discussed. Consensus was to keep the substantive points of the job description as previously approved by Council.

- ◆ Servant Coordinator: Doug and Don provided an update on the search committee work. Pat Mehling and Michelle Hammers, committee co-chairs, provided a list of recommendations to Council on how to proceed and requested feedback on these recommendations. The underlying question was how to consider Rebecca as a possible candidate to fill the role. The Council agreed to the recommendation of the search committee, which is to incorporate the new role into Rebecca's job description and to recommend other changes to make sure both Rebecca and the new role are successful. Pastor Vicki abstained from the decision.

- ◆ Discussed the postponement decision by the Synod Candidacy Committee regarding Rebecca's path forward. The primary concern affecting Gloria Dei is the inability to properly plan program expansion and growth when Rebecca is involved. It is also not clear, or hasn't been communicated well, why the decision was made by the Candidacy Committee. Pastor Vicki and Doug will continue to pursue clarification from the Synod and express the concerns of Council regarding this decision.

- ◆ Paul gave a brief update on the search for improvements to the security system. He received an estimate for a video monitor and airphone intercom system to be installed at the reception area. The estimate for this system was \$989, plus \$75 to upgrade the camera to be cast aluminum instead of plastic. The estimate to add a magnetic lock to the door was an additional \$1,015. The company suggested a keypad locking system could be added to the office to Fellowship Hall door for Preschool security, but they did not quote this. Verification of code issues needs to be made prior to this change. Todd moved and David seconded to give the Property Committee approval to spend \$1,064 over and above the 2010 budget to complete the video and intercom system at the office door. Motion carried.

- ◆ David presented a draft of the Facility Use Request and Facility Use Agreement forms to be completed by outside groups desiring to use the church building. Council members should review the documents and will take action at the April meeting.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

- ◆ Don reported that he will be forming an Audit committee to review the 2009 financial books. He has a few names for the committee and will be contacting them.

- ◆ Hansel reported that he will be out of town for the April Committee night and requested someone to fill in for him to lead the Chair meeting. Pastor Vicki agreed that she could do this.

◆ A congregation member has requested the installation of a bike rack at the church, so that local members and visitors could secure their bicycles while at the church. They have been directed to work with the Property Committee to follow-up.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Paul led the Closing Prayers

Next Council Prayer session: April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 AM

Next Committee Meeting Night: April 19

Next Council Meeting: April 18 (Rainer will lead prayers)

We are saved by Grace through Faith and are called by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known. In joyful response, we strive to...

- *Love God*
- *Love others as God loves them*
- *Live as disciples*
- *Grow Spiritually*
- *Share the good news*

Todd R. Kuhse  
Secretary