

## NEC Council Minutes March 24, 2009

Present: Dan Scoggins, Lane Speake, Jon Hamlow, Amy Fields, Sandy Kortebein, Susan Mattson, Kathy Schadendorf, Virginia Schnabel, Andrea Stelljes, Sue Traxler, Cathie Witzel, Pastor Craig Pederson, Pastor Evelyn Dahlke

Absent with regrets: Adelheid Koski

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Dan Scoggins offered a devotion.

**Facility Team:** Peter Radford and Sally Palm presented a facility team report (*Property Team report 03-20-09.doc* is archived with minutes) on the facility options the team is exploring. Recent developments include the identification of charter schools interested in exploring partnerships in the Holland School facility. The facility team plans to present information at informal congregational meetings on April 5 and May 31.

**Finance Team:** Dan Scoggins presented a finance team report (*Notes from Financial Plan team 03-02-09.pdf* is archived with minutes). Dan is the Chair for this team. The report reviewed the finance team's first meeting where it established objectives to achieve a sustainable balanced operating budget and develop a way to always have a clear picture of our financial status. The team is discussing how to approach these objectives and has established a set of guiding principles for their work.

**Communication Plan:** Dan Scoggins presented a communications plan for the Council and focus area teams to communicate with the congregation (*Areas of Focus - Communication plans 03-15-09.doc* is archived with minutes). He discussed using the website, the monthly NEC newsletter, in-service announcements, and informal congregational meetings. Another suggestion was to make printed copies of information available for those without internet access. Dan agreed to prepare some materials to be posted on the bulletin boards. It was also suggested to involve congregational representatives from outside the council in delivering announcements and presenting at informal meetings. Jon Hamlow, Craig Pederson and Jennifer Schultz are discussing getting materials on the website.

**13th Avenue Facility Safety Issues:** The Council discussed concerns raised in recent assessments of the 13th Avenue facility that its condition could cause safety issues on the sidewalks and street around the building. It was proposed that Dan Scoggins contact the company Building Restoration about having the concern areas directly inspected, and that he contact a building inspector for the city of Minneapolis to solicit advice on how the church should proceed with this issue. **Jon Hamlow moved to carry out this proposal. Sandy Kortebein seconded. Carried unanimously.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Lane Speake presented the treasurer's report. She noted some typographical errors with the layout. **Amy Fields moved to accept the report with the noted corrections. Cathie Witzel seconded. Carried unanimously.**

**Secretary's Report:** Jon Hamlow presented the minutes from the February 26, 2009 Council Meeting. **Virginia Schnabel moved to accept. Amy Fields seconded. Carried unanimously.**

**Pastor's Reports:** Pastors Craig Pederson and Evelyn Dahlke presented their reports on their activities during the previous month (*Mar 09 Dahkle Pastors Report.doc* and *Mar 09 Pederson Pastors Report.doc* are archived with minutes). The council suggested these reports be made available to the congregation as well.

**New Members:** The acceptance of new members was proposed to the Council. Proposed members were Joan Anderl and Josh Timmerman (engaged), Jill Davis (Liam) - as associate (nonvoting) members, Donretha Johnson and Allen Munich, Kris Anne Killam, Barbara Marinsen -as associate member, Robin Mohsen, Anna and Brad Schonborn, Todd Smith, and Doretha Turner. **Virginia Schnabel moved to accept these members. Kathy Schadendorf seconded. Carried unanimously.**

**Joint Ministry Opportunities:** Pastor Craig Pederson discussed joint ministry opportunities with Mt. Carmel and Gustavus Adolphus churches. The council affirmed that we pursue these opportunities.

**Synod Assembly Delegates:** Kathy Schadendorf, Dan Scoggins, and Pastors Craig Pederson and Evelyn Dahlke were presented as delegates for the 2009 ELCA Synod Assembly. A youth delegate is to be determined. **Sue Traxler moved to accept the proposed delegates. Andrea Stelljes seconded. Carried unanimously.**

**Volunteers:** Dan Scoggins initiated a discussion of how volunteers for worship help were being solicited and communicated with. The Council discussed current activities coordinator assignments and how communications were being handled.

**Personnel Team:** It was proposed that the current Personnel Team of Frank Newman, Heather Fokken, Lane Speake, Virginia Schnabel, and Pastors Craig Pederson and Evelyn Dahlke continue to serve (as they have agreed to) for the next year. **Kathy Schadendorf moved to accept this team. Amy Fields seconded. Carried unanimously.**

**Council Schedule:** A proposed regular Council meeting schedule of every third Thursday of the month was suggested and accepted by the Council.

**Deferred Items:** Given time constraints agenda items on proposing Fairview Association delegates, endorsing the NE CDC Community Vision Statement, and joining the Northeast Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce were deferred to April 2009.

**Kathy Schadendorf moved to adjourn. Sue Mattson seconded.** The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 9:20 p.m.