

Fellowship Lutheran Church
6727 S. Sheridan Road
Tulsa, OK 74133

Council Minutes, 11 December 2007

- Members Present:**
- + Pr. Alan, Roy Brockmeier, Greg Gordon, Laura McGowan, Jeryl Miller, Dave Swendsen, Jim Milton, Patti Schmigle, Bob Mentzel
 - + Note: The President, Vice President and Secretary of the Church Council and Pr. Alan comprise the Executive Council. The Executive Council meeting dates are listed at the end of the 13 Feb 2007 Council Meeting agenda. Proposed agenda items should be communicated to the President or Secretary no later than the day prior to the Executive Council Meeting for potential inclusion on the monthly agenda.

Members Absent:

Others Present: Steve Camp

Devotions: Jeryl Miller provided some personal observations about our church being a family and how it's changed her life, referencing her favorite childhood song "Jesus Loves Me" and memorized Biblical passages. Following her comments, Jeryl presented a bronze statue to Pr. Alan and the Council for the church. The statue is of Christ with a child on His lap and was completed by artist Rosalind Cook. The Church Council expressed their appreciation to Jeryl - both for her comments and the statue.

Secretary's Report: M-S-C to approve November 2007 Council Minutes.

Pastor's Report: Provided verbal comments in meeting; will be posted on FLC's website (www.flctulsa.org).

Ministry Teams Reports: Provided verbal comments in meeting; will be posted on FLC's website (www.flctulsa.org).

Old Business:

Team Leads	<ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Al Williams will be the new Stewardship Team Lead. Stewardship emphasis will be during January 2008 due to the Fall 2008 Capital Campaign.+ Gary Swartzlander resigned as Finance Comte Team Lead. A new Team Lead will pick a new Team Lead from its current membership and notify the Council of its new Team Lead.
Building Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">+ Paul Grundmann, Comte chair, provided an update to the Council about the Comte's work.+ M-S-C. The cost of \$1500. for initial work from Olson-Coffey was approved; Roy will sign the necessary documents and Steve Camp will handle payment.

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Building Committee, cont.	<p>+ The next step is for the following reviews which are to be completed by the Jan Church Council meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul Grundmann - Overall review of Building Plan options. - Jim Milton - Legal review. - David Swendsen - Engineering review. <p>+ Financial options are to be available for review at the Jan Church Council meeting.</p> <p>+ The Church Council will have informational meetings on Sundays, Jan 13 and 20, 2008 to update the Congregation about the building and proposed budget which will be voted on in the upcoming Annual Congregational Meeting.</p>
Loan Payoff	<p>+ With authorization from the Church Council, the \$200K loan for the Firewall and Sound System work approved at the Jan 2007 Annual Congregational Meeting was paid off by the Finance Comte.</p>
Nominating Committee	<p>+ Patti Schmigle and Jim Milton will serve on the Nominating Comte. The results of their work to provide nominations for Church Council and Team Lead positions should be ready for review at the Council's January meeting in preparation for the Annual Congregational Meeting Jan. 27, 2008.</p>

New Business:

Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod Resolution	<p>+ Per request of Shelly Holly (Service Team Lead), the Church Council reviewed the Synod Resolution on Ministry to the Stranger in the Name of Christ. Following discussion, it was determined that an introduction to this Resolution would be necessary when it is published in "The Door." Pr. Alan will prepare the introduction and publish. (Completed)</p>
Christmas Eve Offering	<p>+ A request was received from Partners in Mission be considered as a recipient of the Christmas Eve offering. Following discussion, the Council felt it important to include a ministry that the Congregation supports locally. Initial resolution was M-S-D to include multiple ministries as the offering would provide minimal impact for each.</p> <p>+ M-S-A. Following ongoing discussion, it was determined that the Christmas Eve offering would be split equally between our local ministry - Beds4Kids - and our ongoing international ministry in Guyana, e.g., Partners in Mission.</p>
Church Security	<p>+ Church security for evening events is to be reviewed and options should be presented to the Council by the Property Comte on how to proceed on this issue.</p>

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Update on 2008 Budget	+ Per Steve Camp's comments, the Finance Comte is considering a budget of ~\$860K, an increase of 7.5% over 2007.
Staff Pay (Executive Session)	+ There was limited discussion due to the disparity of recommendations from the appropriate teams. This discussion is to be finalized at the Jan Church Council meeting.
Celebrations:	+ The Christmas Concert presented by FLC's Music Ministry Team, with special thanks to Vicki Smith, our Music Director. + Retiring the debt on the Line of Credit debt used to pay for the firewalls and updates to FLC's sound system.
Treasurer's Report:	+ Need to approve the November 2007 Treasurer's Report. (It had not been finalized for the Church Council's December meeting.)
Closing	Following adjournment, the Church Council members closed with individual prayers.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Sundays, Jan 13 and Jan 20, 2008 - Informational Meetings for the Congregation re. the Building Plan.
- ?? - Executive Council Meeting to finalize preparations for the Annual Congregational Meeting.
- Sun, Jan 27, 2008 - Annual Congregational Meeting.
- Feb 4 - Executive Council Meeting.
- Feb. 12 - Church Council Meeting.
- Feb 16/23 - Retreat for Leadership Team following election.
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