

**Fellowship Lutheran Church
Council Minutes – April 8, 2008**

Members Present: Pr. Alan, Roy Brockmeier, Jeryl Miller, Greg Gordon,
Laura McGowan, Dave Swendsen, Al Williams, Patti Schmigle

Guests: Paul Grundmann

Members Absent: Pete Luitwieler, Ginni Young

Others Present: Steve Camp

Devotions: Jeryl Miller—This is My Father's World

Secretary's Report: M-S -C to approve March 2008 Council Minutes.

Building Committee Update – Paul Grundmann:

The Committee met with the City to review the modified plans, and while this was not a formal approval meeting, the City was supportive of the plans as proposed. Paul reviewed some preliminary architectural drawings of the proposed plans, which place the education facilities on the east side of the property. Existing Fellowship Hall facilities will convert to office space, and functions requiring a large gathering space will move to either the Expedition Center or the Commons.

The Building Committee submitted a motion (attached) to Council, recommending requesting approval by the congregation. In summary, the motion requests that the council be given approval to enter into contracts and documents necessary for the construction of the East Education Wing with a total cost up to \$2,500,000 and to obtain additional financing so long as FLC's total debt does not exceed \$1,500,000.

A motion was made to accept the recommendation of the Building Committee, pending the review and approval of the Finance Committee. Steve Camp will review the motion and recommendation of the Council with the Finance Committee at their upcoming meeting. The motion was M-S-C.

Council discussed the desire to move forward as quickly as possible with setting congregation informational sessions, preferably April 20th and April 27th. We will also target of a two-week advance notice of the meeting to the congregation.

Strategic Planning Update – Dave Swendsen:

Dave Swendsen presented a recommended 2008 Strategic Plan (attached) and asked that each council member review the Plan and submit any comments/suggestions to Dave prior to the next council meeting.

Pastor's Report: Report provided with comments

Ministry Team's Reports: Report provided with comments

Old Business - none

New Business:

The Music Committee submitted a recommendation that FLC adopt the ELW hymnal and that fundraiser be established to raise approximately \$5000 needed to purchase the hymnals. A motion was M-S-C.

Jennifer Guel, Student Ministries, submitted a recommendation that fundraisers be approved for the purpose of funding a student trip to Guyana. A motion was M-S-C.

Treasurer's Report: March 2008 Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Steve Camp. Approval was deferred until after review of the finance committee.

Celebrations: We are thankful for the very thorough and thoughtful work of the Building Committee; we are enthused with the opportunities brought by our new Strategic Plan; we are excited about our new Council member, Al Williams; we are achieving a new level of involvement and activity with our ministries and committees. Our music program continues to be a true blessing, with unique programs continually offered.

Next Council Meeting: May 13, 2008

Next Devotion: Pete Luitwieler