

**ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**6180 HIGHWAY 65 NE**  
**FRIDLEY, MINNESOTA 55432**  
**"Love Your Neighbor....."**

**MINUTES: Board of Administration Meeting**

**Nov. 22, 2010 6:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** 6:30

**Members in Attendance:** Joel Young, Robert Becker, Jason Karsten, Carol Anderson, Connie Bernardy, Leif Ronken, Dick Kruse, Matt Johnson, Jeff Overlie, Lauri Anderson, Pastor John Hierlinger, Pastor Jan Hartsook, Pastor Chris Hagen.

**Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

**1. Devotions:** "Power Surge", Michael Foss Chapter 3

**2. Checking In:** Joys and Concerns

**3. Committee Reports:**

Benevolence & Social Concerns, Sue Davis, chairperson, was able to enlighten the Board on the committee's active schedule: "They always have a project!"; Created 34 boxes for Thanksgiving; 147 children showed up for the Treats n' Trunks; the Christmas 'giving' trees are up by church office waiting for us to help; Equal Exchange sales are good; and much more. Some thoughts going forward are to work with Teen Challenge again and use some money from Thrivent for buying new winter coats. Sue and her committee are dedicated and have worked together for some time.

Nominating Committee- Byron Schmid met with the Board to discuss current terms, who needs to be replaced and asked for suggestions that we might have for replacements. The Board members working with Byron and his committee are Jason Karsten and Joel Young, both outgoing members.

Online Banking- Gary Blomster suggested to the Board that St. Philip's might look at Online Banking to pay our bills. The current system requires a co-signer for checks >\$750 but not for those less than that. It was felt this discussion should include the Audit Committee and Business Management, who would be in tune to possible concerns. It was suggested they might look into the possibility of Shepherd's Staff (financial computer system) having co-signing capabilities. Also discussed was who was backup to Shepherd's Staff financial operations.

#### **4. Consent Agenda:**

Minutes of October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Moved/Second/Carried**

Transferred or Released:

Bob & Mary Brenden requested release – moved to Cambridge, MN 10/20/10

Mike & Becky Trancheff transferred to Christ Lutheran, Blaine, MN 10/20/10

**Correction 12/20/10 Trancheffs changed to ‘inactive’ status not transferred.**

**5. Financial Reports:** October 31, 2010 Treasurer, Jason Karsten **M/S/C**

#### **6. Old Business:**

a) Budget Committee- update: The committee has worked on the “expense” side of the budget. They will meet again on Dec.1<sup>st</sup> to discuss “income”. Several considerations will be removing expected monies from the garage sale and adding back a budget for the music department.

b) Thrivent Choice dollars- follow-up: **M/S/C** to reconsider the Board motion for Thrivent dollars to go to street assessments and rather reconsider Renee Johnson’s motion that a committee including Thelma Nash, Pastor John Hierlinger and Renee present options for disbursement of funds. Not all Board members had seen the ballot, so discussion & voting on this proposal from Renee will be set for agenda in December’s meeting.

c) Sign committee- update: Sign Task Force committee presented a motion for permission to move forward to raise the appropriate funds for the new sign. Leif Ronken, Board liaison to this committee, presented a scaled drawing of the possible sign with electronic message. The committee received two quotes, one from Signcrafters and one from Nordquist. The Sign Task Force proposal recommends using Signcrafters. Expense of the project, permit fees from the City of Fridley and operational costs were discussed at the meeting. Leif was asked to have the committee present a possible timeline of the project and to work with the Stewardship committee in putting together a fund raiser. These recommendations will be discussed and voted on at the December meeting.

#### **7. New Business:**

a) Pastor John - Luther Seminaries *The Bible Initiative*: Pass It On program. **M/S/C** to receive a gift of donated Bibles for the pews in St. Philip’s sanctuary from Luther Seminary. Discussion on this proposal included the replacement costs for the Bibles as Bibles are ‘passed on’ to members/non-members who need a Bible. Do we have the room currently and how can we make more room? And who would manage this program? Joel will talk to Worship, Music and Arts committee.

**8. Call Committee Update:** Matt Johnson told the Board about the 3 meetings to date of the Call Committee (CC). Two of the meetings were with the Ministry Site Profile Task Force to bring all members up to date on their report. Going forward the CC will meet on Thursday evenings. Their biggest task is to fill in the Ministry Site Profile for the synod. A copy of this can be found on the 'blog' that the CC created. Go to St. Philip's website and find in the upper right hand corner links to the CC blog. They also are encouraging members to make suggestions of possible candidates for them to contact. The CC asks for our prayers to have God help and guide them in this process.

**9. Pastors and Administrator Reports:** Copies of monthly reports sent to all Board members.

**10. Reflection Time**

How did our conduct reflect Christ?

What decisions/discussions seem to be God's will?

How did we contribute to building this community of faith at St. Philip's?

**11. Adjournment:** The Lord's Prayer 8:35

**DATES:**

**ALL COMMITTEES**

Monday, December 13, 2010 7:00 P.M.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, December 14th, 2010 5:00 P.M.

**BOARD of ADMINISTRATION**

Monday, December 20th, 2010 6:30 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Carol Anderson, Board Secretary