

Congregation Council Meeting Minutes 3/1/09

Members Present: Jim Deliman, Scott Layman, Paul Loesel, Judy Barnett, Pastor

Meeting called to order – Pastor opened with prayer,

Minutes from January meeting approved and passed as written

Gayle Kleiver presented a hand carved cross to our congregation. Was carved by a Tanzanian artist. We thanked Gayle for the lovely gift and for her service in Tanzania.

Pastor's Report:

- Ash Wednesday services went well.
- Nice turnout for Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

- During Lent, Wednesday evening service is a vespers with a light meal following.

- 3/18 and 3/25 Pastor Wollenberg will be serving in the evenings. Pastor and the family will be visiting Stephanie in France from 3.17 thru 3/26.

- Pastor will be in touch with St Clement's and St Malachy's regarding Palm Sunday. Mass is scheduled for our church hopefully with St Clement's. Pastor also checking with the Time's Sq alliance regarding a sound system for Palm Sunday blessing at Duffy Square.

- John is working on a new font for the Banner and we will continue our discussion on the banner next meeting.

- Thursday Pastor was attending a Restaurant Row Association meeting. Seeing if we can help each other out and possibly get info in their racks.

- Paul was wondering if there is a way that we can state that all are welcome regardless of Religious affiliation on our info.

- Pastor brought up the idea of once again having our info backstage at the theatres (stage doors)

- Repairs – Furnace – Scott elaborated that we need to find local contractors for plumbing heating and electrical service so we don't have to pay twice basically for the original "worker" to come out and then the actual person to "fix" the problem.

- Security cameras – workers have been here and are checking our monitors. We need to add a camera to the main doors.

- We will plan cleaning the Saturday before Palm Sunday.

Pastor's report cont.

-Holy Week schedule: Palm Sunday at Duffy Square with service at St. Luke's
Wednesday communion
Maundy Thursday
Good Friday at 1pm
Saturday Vigil at 8:30pm
Easter at 11:00am with catered brunch following (East of Eighth
catering)

-We are trying to cut expenses where possible. Flowers, musicians....

Treasurers Report

-Reports for 08 will be wrapped up before the congregational meeting in May.
-Scott suggested we start doing quarterly reports instead of monthly reports.
-We have taken 47K out of the fund so far in 09. Total balance is now at 555K
-Finance committee needs to be in place before Q2 so we can take the bill paying
responsibility away from Nhorie. This should be the responsibility of the finance
committee. Trying to get Jeff and Alex involved. We need to do this so we can oversee
all account allocations.
-need to approve pastor's compensation pkg
Moved to approve the distribution of compensation for Pastor.

Building Management

Was already covered – Need local contractors for plumbing, heating, electrical

Pastoral Care Committee

-Thank you luncheon for soup kitchen staff – shelved for the moment due to cost
-Community Sunday set for 5/31
-Ending Wed eucharist – will do an evening study instead. Seems to be popular
-Oral history project is rolling along
-We are considering having “coffee hour sponsors” that will come in and host a coffee
hour and give us info on different topics – example – Thrivent possibly for Easter

Old Business

-Paul is going to get quotes on electronic signage – Pastor and Paul to meet on this
further
-Who updates the answering system? It has been brought to our attention that it isn't
accurate. Pastor will look into this.
- United Way is supposed to be getting us a new freezer for Soup Kitchen
- Mission will be Soup Kitchen through June.

New Business

Shelved until next meeting due to low attendance
Next meeting is 3/29 after church.