

COUNCIL NOTES - July & August

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL MEETINGS IN JULY

- Approved financial reports, subject to audit, of Financial Secretary and treasurers of Operating Fund and Building Fund.
- Approved FMT recommendations to expend \$106 from Member Care dedicated account for Career Transition Minis-try expenses and \$1,089 from COW dedicated account for kitchen equipment.
- Received reports from cabinets outlining their activities and plans for the coming year.
- Discussed the HR Committee's —White Paper and the relationship of the committee to Council; the contents will be reformatted as a Continuing Resolution for consideration.
- Reviewed the Art and Design Policy and asked that it be sent to all cabinets and committees for review and suggestions before adoption.
- Approved a request from Anne Krentz Organ to host a meeting of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians at St. Luke's in February, 2012, with building use fees waived.
- Reviewed notes from the Council Retreat in June on needs of churches of varying sizes and the characteristics we felt were needed for a call committee at St. Luke's.
- Reviewed the list of persons nominated by members of the congregation to serve on the Call Committee and prioritized the listing according to various categories; set a committee of seven and selected members to be contacted to serve.
- Completed discussion regarding artwork offered on a permanent loan basis and concluded that this would not be consistent with our mission; directed the Congregation Secretary to express our thanks to the family, indicating that we are unable to accept the offer as presented.
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation, of BethAnn Lynch, Council Recording Secretary effective at the close of the regular July meeting.

JULY 10, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING

Council heard a presentation by Carol Becker, facilitator of the survey sponsored by the Education and Learning Cabinet, and discussed plans for implementation of suggestions with the cabinet coordinator and associate pastor.

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL MEETING IN AUGUST

- Approved, subject to audit, reports of Financial Secretary and treasurers of Operating and Building Funds.
- Approved FMT recommendations to use up to \$1,000 from Contingency Fund to reimburse for purchases of items for the Education Office; to accept the 2012 Ministry Program developed by program units to be used by the Stewardship Team for the fall campaign; to expend \$6,600 from the Major Repairs account for payment to STR Building Resources, LLC for the study and report on the tower and walls of the 1929 building; for a one time use of an online service to receive donations for the Walk for New Orleans fund raiser; for a one time solicitation of funds for Refugee One by 8th graders, using envelopes that they have made.
- Approved recommendations from Operations and Maintenance Cabinet to disband the present building team at the conclusion of their work and give the responsibility for ongoing work to OMC, with sincere thanks expressed to the Building Team for all that they have done; to appoint a new master planning task team to identify and prioritize future projects and agreed that for each project approved a specialized project team will be appointed; approved a contract with Otis Elevator for inspection and maintenance service, at a cost of not more than \$4,310 for the first year; a contract with First Detection Systems for inspection of alarm,

emergency lighting and sprinkler systems at a cost of \$485; a contract with Martin Petersen Co. to perform required tests on backflow preventers and sump pumps at a cost of \$700.

- Received informational reports from all other cabinets and noted, especially, the success of the Augsburg-Fortress music clinic held at St. Luke's. Fees were waived, but in appreciation Augsburg-Fortress donated over \$500 worth of music and worship resources. Anne Organ has been elected to the position of President-elect of the ACLM.
- Gary Cartwright was thanked for the great amount of work he has done in painting spaces not painted during construction
- On recommendation by Pr. Koch, approved purchase of software, at a cost of \$538, to be used in developing the Ministry Site Profile needed.
- Approved use of facilities for three chamber music concerts by the Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra in 2011-2012, with use fees waived.
- Adopted the Art and Design policy following review by cabinets and committees.
- Adopted the Continuing Resolution related to duties of the HR Committee; the chair of the committee will be a member of the Council, with voice but no vote.
- John English was confirmed as coordinator of the Outreach and Community Service Cabinet.
- Kelly McCurry was thanked for her service as a youth member of Council and wished well as she leaves to attend Augustana College this fall.