

# Charity Lutheran Church Vision Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 20, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

## Members Present

**Staff:** Doug Leet, Pastor Randy

**Vision Council:** Don Nordquist, Rob Bauer, Matt Kaldor, Barb Weaver, Connie Geiger, Dallas Sailer

Don called the meeting to order and Pastor Randy opened the meeting with prayer.

The meeting agenda was approved.

## 1. PRAYER REQUESTS

- Thank and praise God for His generous outpouring of love on His people of Charity...for making Himself known through His son Jesus; for the provision of our wonderful pastors and staff; Thanks for the new families and individuals joining us at Charity and for the many members who serve quietly and generously.
- Ask for the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us in every decision made at Charity, including the development and implementation of a Vision that places Charity on the road whose course is set by our Lord.
- Holy Spirit, we welcome you. Make us into the Church you want us to be so that all may know Jesus and His love.
- Thanksgiving for safety during Charity's youth trips and events.
- Pray for the success of ongoing congregational and youth events/ministries.
- Lift up new Charity disciples and pray for good stewardship in church growth.
- Offer congregational prayers for the changes in our State and communities as they address changes occurring within its jurisdictions.
- Pray for our awesome staff and the good work they do. Prayers for unity and working together as a team.
- Prayers for continued growth of our worship services; especially for the Traditions service and the WOW service on Sunday night.
- Pray for guidance for the congregation and our leadership as we submit to the Great Commission in all ways, including ministry support, community outreach, and continued assistance for Surprise.
- Prayers that we properly address the Living Stones Associates consultation recommendations. May the Holy Spirit guide the direction and all decisions regarding Charity's future. Prayers specifically for the Church Health Team and the Facility Task Force.
- Prayer for the fall schedule of worship services, Life Long Learning and other activities.
- Pray for the persecuted church around the world!

## 2. STAFF REPORTS

### Pastor Randy

- Rally WOW's on Sunday and Wednesday were a success – over 600 that attended!
- Preparation for the fall kickoff was strenuous – will watch for potential staff burnout.
- Having the SKIT GUYS return for the WOW finale is pending.
- Counselor, C. Reno has worked some with the staff.

## 3. FINANCIAL REPORT – Dallas gave the report.

- August income was \$84,676.42 which is \$17,368.18 under budget for the month.
- Attendance on Sundays was 1,860 people.
- 2016 total income is \$823,222.91, \$69,667.34 under budget. 2016 total income is \$116,040.49 over 2015 total income.

- Dallas mentioned that the budget for the basement was \$2900.00. As of now, the cost is between \$35-\$50K. Discussion followed. Doug suggested the money should come out of the Vision Fund. Barb suggested that in the future we need to be more detailed on what the costs are. Connie made a motion that the expenses for the basement come out of the Vision Fund. Barb seconded it and motion was approved.
- Connie presented a savings comparison for the various banks and credit unions in the area.
- Doug and Dallas will look at transferring money to a different bank for a better interest rate.

#### **4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – Doug gave the report.**

- Doug has visited with John Samuelson and Jerry Walz, who have reported that they can get better security cameras with better quality for \$3500-\$4000 through Reservation Telephone.
- There is no camera in the Gazebo or the two youth rooms. Doug asked if we should have cameras in those areas. Discussion followed and it was decided that we should.
- In regard to set up/tear down – Jackson is still helping. Neal Brown has mentioned to his CRU group, but as of now has not found anyone who is interested.
- Doug will be meeting with Mike Smith from the Nominating Committee.

#### **5. OLD BUSINESS**

- Barb made a motion to approve the August 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes. Seconded by Connie and approved by all.
- Barb reported that the CHT is meeting once a month.
- Don will serve another term on the Vision Council.
- Pastor Randy joined the CHT.
- Discussed changing the times of services to have more fellowship. It was felt by all that we need feedback from the congregation.
- Matt reported that the FTF is waiting for the drone that is contracted with Fitterer to assess the layout of our property and then an architectural design will follow. The basement remodel is coming along well, but the expenses are above the projected cost.
- Don reported on the Open Forums. The attendance at the forums was from poor to good.
- Don, Rob Peske and Pastor Randy will be going to Riverside Church in Big Lake, MN on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Shelley Traynor may also go.

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

- **2017 Budget** – Doug provided a draft of the 2017 budget. With the anticipation of additions to the staff, increased in salary requirements for exempt employees, and an increase to the Vision Fund (for covering potential mortgage payments), the 2017 budget would have a significant increase. More details will be discussed at the November meeting.

Pastor Randy closed the meeting in prayer. The next meeting will be October 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.