

LCO Board Meeting 10-12-2010
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Iowa City

Present: Cindy Breed, Phil Borleske, Ray Runkel, Val Lembke, Warren Boe, Jan Pohl, Frank Scamman, and Lynn Thiede, and Bill Penix (via Skype ®)

Meeting called to order at 6:55pm

Frank offered devotions

Minutes:

- Correction – Cindy will be on vacation Aug 16-24
- Phil moved Jan seconded as amended - approved

Finance

- Still ahead of this time last year
- Val worked the numbers and determined that we will likely break even by the end of the year
- Cindy asked how to respond to the question, “how are you doing financially?” – ok to say we’re holding our own but very appreciative of all gifts – also note that Cindy is currently ¾ time and open to more

Chaplains Report

- Shared story of a baptism she performed
- She has missed a few Conference 7 meetings – which is weighing heavily on her – she’ll take it up with her care committee, but sought our opinion – she also has a continuing ed event that conflicts with it – encouraged her to try to attend at least 6 times a year (they meet monthly), to stay in touch with the local clergy
- She’s been doing gratis preaching gigs
- Concerned about the St. Paul, Tama, event – can’t go – wants to make sure Carolyn Martin, staff person at St. Paul, is supported – she will send her talking points
- Prayer concerns: Pr. Carl Divine-Koch, health,; also Pr. Terry Mahnke, health concerns
- Carl’s health will prevent him from being on her care committee – she’s seeking another replacement at this time – keeping him in the loop until he’s ready to come back

Committee Reports

Jan – Resource

- newsletter just went out last week – should be received today – looks great!
- The person we thought would help with the newsletter isn’t responding to emails so question if she’ll be helping with newsletter
- Mailing going out to congregation Presidents – how can we help this ministry work – only going out to the abbreviated list
- Targeting congregations – based on congregation size and giving – put a package together requesting partnership with them
- Contacting Roy Nilsen to do presentation to Lutheran Church of Hope board
- Looking at potential of grants with various foundations – don’t feel we’re ready to set up endowment without grant funding at this point – not ready to approach donor base yet
- Discussion of how we deal with congregations that are leaving the ELCA – at this time until they request being removed from our lists, will treat them no differently
- Contact Grandview journalism dept about someone to take on newsletter
- Val send letter of request to Gloria Dei endowment for additional funds for LCO

- Cindy is still dealing with her picture being on the UI Foundation website – creates confusion for those who wish to contribute to LCO – Frank will take care of it.

Chaplain Oversight

- Need a new head of that committee – board needs to select – Frank will contact Kathleen Renquist again about joining board and being chair

Chaplain Care

- Meets tomorrow

Unfinished

- Scholarship
 - Ray is working on setting up a standing committee for selecting recipients and has contacted the chaplain from Iowa Lutheran and Iowa Methodists hospitals in Des Moines who agrees to be part; considering others. Wanting to outline parameters of how to proceed – first goal. He and Cindy will consult with Bishop Hansen at the Lutheran Chaplains Conference next week on how to proceed.
- New Board Members
 - Frank contacted potential member – very interested/enthusiastic. He is awaiting a reply. Another is still not returning calls.
 - Phil will talk to another potential member at the clergy conference.

New Business

- Grant application to Hope – want a full on presentation – Roy Nilsen will be contacted to do this; Jan will also contact her son to assist (he's a member) – November 4th, 5:30pm
- Bill Penix proposed a donor accounting database system – Warren tried it and thought it would work very well for us – has a variety of reports and an audit section – Warren recommends going forward with this and implement for 2011. the cost is quite low - \$345.00 and maintenance of probably \$100/year. Heritage Administrative Systems/Surfside Lighthouse Group Inc. Group expressed interest in working with us.
 - Phil moved purchase of the system; Jan seconded; approved

Announcements

- Resource meeting Nov. 9
- Next board meeting December 7 *in the lounge*
- Discussion of conflicts with Tuesdays as meeting days
- Adjourned at 8:08pm