

Minutes of Church Council meeting, August 18, 2009

Present: Eva Perdahl, Arne Dunhem, Anna-Carin Rooney, Eva Haak Hess, Peter Edwardsson, Anneli Sexton (taking minutes) and Kenneth Hamilton (come later) suppliant for Gunnel.

1. The meeting opened at 7:50 PM by Eva P. who wanted the agenda to be completed in 17 minutes.
2. Review of quorum and agenda was approved.
3. Eva P. indicated that she does not print out the previous minutes for distribution at next meeting but that she prints out every one of them at the end of the year and place in a binder. Arne noted that all the minutes must be available in hard copy if the auditors would to ask to see them.
4. The treasures reports was presented and approved without any complaints although the CD that was recorded under income, is miss-represented as it is not an income but an asset and should be recorded separately. SLCW is closing the account with Bank of America which will start to charge a monthly fee of \$15, and instead opening a "Small Business Checking Account" with Wacovia bank which is not charging any fee. The accounting report for last year is not yet final because of a missing exchange rate receipt.
5. Ann-Marie was not at the meeting and could speak about the membership issue. But that Monica would like to be included in the council when she returns from Brazil. The Church Council meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month.
6. Nothing new to report for the Social Ministry - "the flame must be lit again".
7. The Youth group/Confirmation will receive \$50 each just like last year to help cover travel expenses for their visit to New York, there are 6 youth in the group this year. Arne asked if there were any interest in trying to get the group together outside of church activities, e.g. a pizza get together, but Eva P. indicated that she had tried a few years ago, but that the youth were so busy with their own activities in High School.
8. For the Church service on September 13, the Carlshult will assist the minister, Peter will handle the collection, Anna-Carin would see to it that the church coffee will be taken care off. Eva P. will handle the readings and ask a konfirmad to read at least one reading and find one more. Eva Haak Hess accepted the Greeting position, while Arne could not attend and Anneli would be out of town.
9. It was decided that the Newsletter, which is usually distributed before the first church service in the fall, be delayed until end of September as to have the survey result incorporated in the issue. A separate email with a reminder of the Church Service on September 13 will go out.
10. A discussion if the survey should be tested on the congregation before it was sent to the congregation. It was decided that the survey should be tested only on a few (5-10) members of the congregation before it was sent via email to the full congregation. Everyone in the committee liked the survey and its questions to which there were only a few changes. If the survey is well received by the congregation and we receive a good response many of the problems may be solved, e.g. to have the Services at Trinity Church.

Kenneth and Gunnel have put together a note (attached) regarding positive and negative issues if a move to Trinity Church were to be considered. This is their experience from when the Högalidskören were in town and the Trinity Church was used.

Eva P. was going to seek clear answer from Kristi and Anita if either of them could be the interim organist until a regular were found to play at our Services, and if Steve could play at Lucia and at the Julbön.

Eva P. informed what the Uppsala meeting was all about and that Gunnel was there to represent SLCW.

Arne's issues are to be discussed at our next meeting as well as Outreach.

The meeting concluded at 10:20 PM.