

Minutes of the Meeting

Grace before the prepared meal was offered by Brad Laurvick. Audrey Elling, meeting facilitator, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., she thanked those present and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Creating Tomorrow at St. Luke's

Jim Wolff and Martha Boon, members of the Long Range Planning group, reviewed the on-going planning process and then asked the group to participate in a typical interview session. Those attending were split into four groups and each group was asked to prepare a group response to these four questions:

1. What is your vision for what St. Luke's will look like, feel like and be doing in five years?
2. Are there changes in St. Luke's that would facilitate this vision?
3. Do you see changes or situations that are or could work against this vision?
4. If you could identify one big, BHAG, (Big Hairy Audacious Goal) for St. Luke's? What would that be?

Each group then responded and the responses were recorded on flip charts. The responses ranged from demographics of Highlands Ranch, to missions activities, serving the un-churched, leadership development, communications, and spiritual development

Jim and Martha then handed out a sheet and asked participants to anonymously list five priorities for the future and the things that are worrisome. The sheets were then turned in to the committee.

Since the Long Range Planning interview process is ongoing, the responses from this evening will be incorporated into all the information the committee is receiving. The final summary of findings will be released to the congregation later.

First look at the Kings Puppets

Janet Forbes and Ken Fong then offered an update on action being taken concerning the Epiphany puppets. New puppets, one puppet per person, are being built. Photos were displayed as an example.

They reported that the new puppets are expected to be delivered in October. The puppets will be used at Epiphany and will also serve other purposes in the future.

Calendar and Themes for Fall and Advent

Janet Forbes then reviewed the St. Luke's Events Calendar on the website and noted that this year's season will be very busy and suggested that all check the calendar carefully. She added that the theme for Advent this year, is "Advent of Joy," a time we hope to laugh more.

Leadership/Team Updates

- Ken Fong, Trustees:

Ken reported that the trustees have adopted a new fundraising policy. This new policy is expected to allow more variety in fundraising than in the past. Fundraisers still need to approval before advertising a fund-raising event. He added that the Trustees anticipate more fund raising events next year and don't want individual fundraising activities at the church to compete with each other. The policy remains unchanged except for the addition of allowance for approval of cooperative fundraising offsite with restaurants or suppliers; however fundraising that involves any implied endorsement of a product or service will not be allowed.

- Brenda Schaffer, Office:

Brenda reminded us that church building room scheduling remains very tight. Those intending to use church rooms must first check with the church office to see what rooms are available for a particular time and date.

- * Lynda Fickling, Leadership Team:

She reported that the Team is working on nominations for volunteer positions in the church and is calling for expressions of need or offers to help.

- Jeff Suntken, Missions:

Jeff reminded us that St. Luke's is a member of Love, Inc., and his team is looking at how we can honor that commitment and be prepared to offer help. He said that thy would like to see St. Luke's providing "gap" ministry and have identified areas where we could offer help. They are:

1. making transportation and vouchers for gas and bus available,
2. providing personal care items,
3. tutoring, and
4. supplying health kits, back to school supplies.

Jeff then asked for ideas on other areas where we could help.

Financial Update

Dave Cupp announced that a Planned Giving workshop is coming up and encouraged participation

He also reported that giving through July has been good and we are about \$1,000 better than what had been budgeted.

Dave told the group that church mortgage refinancing plans in process and that a Charge Conference for approval of this plan is planned for October.

Ending and Evaluations

Participants were asked to provide feedback for this meeting by submitting responses to the following questions:

1. What went well?
2. What could be improved?
3. What suggestions do you have for the Common Table?

Upcoming Common Table Meetings

November 15, 2010

February 28, 2011

April 11, 2011

September 19, 2011

November 14, 2011

The Common Table adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Les Ludlam, secretary