

# **Minutes of the August 26, 2007 Congregational Meeting Bethel Lutheran Church, Cupertino, CA**

Minutes recorded by Mary E. Fields

**OPENING** Pastor Randy opened the meeting with prayer at 12:30 pm.

**QUORUM** 96 members signed in for the meeting. (10% of our voting membership or 62 people were sufficient for a quorum).

## **SCHOOL REPORT** Michael Vaughn

Michael reported that Annual Giving (2007) was \$22,000 with an additional non-Bethel member donation of \$30,000. \$4000 donated by Bethel church members. Annual giving (2006) was \$6000. He described the new school board that now has cross-functional goals and accountability between church and school.

## **School Board**

Michael Vaughn – Chair

Becky Johnston – Capital Development

Shandi Holder – Parent Liaison

Martha Galina – Marketing

Dave Tribby and Jack Wedgwood – Financial Operations

Jody Schott – Staffing

Judy Klinger – Visioning

## **Marketing Team**

Marion Abney

Cindy Arnett

Joan Christensen

Mary Deutscher

Mary Fields

Marianne Nadell

San Sudarsanam

## **Search and Assessment Team**

Carol Carlson

Shandi Holder

Ordetta Hovland

Davis Fields

Becky Johnston

Dale Jones

Judy Klinger

Cindy Kurtz

Miki Wallace

Hired new key personnel at BLS: Marybarbara Zorio (Interim Principal) and Angelina Gonzales (Preschool Coordinator). Recent investments in school – teacher's lounge update, painting of preschool classrooms (Tom Hoegel, Eric Baldwin, Brad Martinson, David Sandwisch). NAEYC – currently in the process of maintaining of our accreditation.

#### **MASTER PLAN REPORT** Pastor Randy

Master planning defined:

- Biblical mandates for Christian Mission
- The Master Plan – to engage every participant at Bethel
- Key Components – we are not members of a church but mission partners with Jesus Christ
- Help strengthen our understanding of all aspects of personal stewardship
- Reach out to the growing Asian and culturally diverse community that surrounds us
- Develop a plan for capital improvements to better support our partnerships

Timeline for implementation 5-10 years. Congregation votes to continue the Master planning process.

#### **FINANCE REPORT** Dave Tribby – Video presentation of Bethel's Proposed Budget

Highlights:

- Description of new accounting method
- Ramifications of changing from cash to accrual
- Some words about depreciation
- Recent giving trend
- Financial dashboard
- Changes in the budget
- Description of cash neutral

FY '08 Budget and Depreciation \$923,918 approved.

#### **STELLING PROPERTY REPORT** Pastor Randy

- Transfer of ownership is now complete.
- Taiwanese church in Fremont (worships 30 -35) this congregation and their Pastor Joseph Chiu could be brought into the Stelling property and on our staff.
- Joseph Chiu he has been in the United States since the 80s. Previously employed at Texas Instruments. Speaks 3-4 languages.
- ELCA Synod had committed to fixing rotten beams.
- Greg Abney Stelling Property manager.

We want to do this ministry in partnership and proceed carefully. We do not want to reach out to first generation.... 1.5 generation. This will be Chinese focused ministry (not Korean, Japanese, etc.)

#### **CONSTITUTION REPORT**

Dave Tribby moves to approve the constitutional changes. Motion approved.

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY REPORT** Pastor Randy

First events for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be the weekend of November 9-11<sup>th</sup> with the theme 'Celebrating Our Heritage'.

**UPCOMING EVENTS REPORT**

Labor Day Retreat

First Day of School

Kid Connection Staff and Bethel Lutheran School Staff Installation

Welcome Fall BBQ

Indoor Worship Begins

Rummage Sale – Sept 29th

Lunch at Stelling – Sept. 23rd

Sept 15 and 16<sup>th</sup> – Cupertino Festival

**CLOSING** Pastor Randy led the closing prayer at 2 pm.