

**PRESBYTERY OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA
PRESBYTERY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 27, 2011**

Calvin Presbyterian Church, Long Lake, Minnesota

*Our Vision: We fearlessly follow the Holy Spirit into a changing world.
Strategic Focus: Nurture relationships and risk trust. (3rd Guideline)*

Following supper served by the members of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Council members visited with members of Session.

The October meeting of Council was called to order with prayer at 6:30 p.m. by Council Chair, Vince Gin. The clerk requested that Ed Martin be invited to offer his report first so he could leave early. Also the budget Task Force. The docket was approved as amended; the minutes of the September 22, 2011, were approved as distributed.

Members present: Barbara Lutter, John Ivers, Karen Gasche, Marian Michael, Bill Livingston, Bill Davnie, Margaret Taylor, Karen Morey, Cindy Ray, Vince Gin, Ed Martin, Gordon Doshier, Nancy Grittmann, Chaz Ruark, Betty Raitt, Carol Anderson, several members of the session and Carol Reed, Pastor.

Ed Martin, presented his report. Falling behind in per capita & general mission giving. Both NCD's are in deficit position.

Barbara Lutter and Ed presented proposed budget for 2012. Motion: **RECOMMEND TO PRESBYTERY** per capita for Presbytery be raised to \$20.00, 5% increase; grand total of \$31.63. Motion carried. **RECOMMENDED** that budget be approved.

Karen Morey then led Council in update work on the Strategic Plan implementation. Karen led in an evaluation of our work so far. Listing pluses, minuses and roadblocks. The following changes were made in the goals. Council will prepare to bring to Presbytery a report of the work on the Strategic Plan. Strategic Plan will be first on council agenda every month. Next steps will be set.

Reports of Officers:

Executive Presbyter, Chaz Ruark

Will be away in December 8-15 iffy.

New office, will move back in after Presbyter.

AEPS did hear from, Fellowship, and Next church.

Will be president of AEPs In 2013.

Continuing to have conversations with pastors concerning Fellowship. Need to stay calm & deal with individual conversations.

Initial draft of gracious separation, will be sent to COM & BOT for answers and bring to council December 13.

Moderator, Cindy Ray

Kerri Allen was ordained, Steve Robertson installed at Westminster
Glitches in commissions.

Worship team is continuing testimonials: Marian Michael, council; Don Genereux from CPM

Council Chair, Vince Gin

Stated Clerk, Nancy Grittman

Treasurer, Ed Martin

Vice Moderator, Barbara Lutter

Returned from Montreat. Asking for prayers for North Como.

Budget Task Force

Barbara Lutter, Chaz Ruark.

Presbytery Meeting, September, 13, 2011.

Cindy Ray, Vince Gin.

Reports of Committees

Church Development Team, John Ivers

Mission Initiative. Very expensive. So are focusing on a one-day presentation.
CDT recommends purchase.

Board of Trustees, Rocky Rockenstein.

Chain of Lakes. Property committee recommends the same property. Made an offer to bank and have received a favorable response. Asked real estate agent to get some comparables. Our property price of \$1.42 per square foot which is very much in line. Purchase agreement not that far along. Could come to Presbytery with price. Would need to give Tom Radio and Walter Rockenstein responsibility to agree to purchase agreement. Council endorses BOT to:

RECOMMEND TO PRESBYTERY: purchase property at \$625,000. Incur
\$28,000 to \$30,000 per year for 25 years.

ELECT 8 member task force (4 from COL, 2 from BOT, 2 from CDT)

RECOMMEND TO PRESBYTERY: give authority to task force to write purchase agreement

Nominating Committee, Betty Raitt.

David Maghakian & Stephen Knudsen recommended for Nom. Com.

COR new structure.

Commissioners to GA – deadline Nov. 1.

Personnel, Margaret Taylor.

Have completed reviews.

Presented job description for AEP.

Motion to approve job description. Motion passed.

Mission and Witness, Cindy Ray

Paper from disabilities task force shared.

Docket to be handled.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Vince Gin, at

Nancy Grittman, Stated Clerk