

POG COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS for August 2011
This summary has been prepared to assure our congregation is aware of Council actions

Pastor Bob

- * Pastor Bob will be gone Labor Day Weekend for the Macinac Bridge Walk.
- * Pastor Bob was featured in a segment of LivingLutheran.com.
- * He is joining the Metro Clergy Coalition. This group acts as a force to enact social change. It is run through the Harriet Tubman Center.

Actions

- * Council voted to give all of the existing Seminary scholarship funds to Seminary student Sarah Siebold.
- * Pat Mayes resigned as Christian Education resource effective August 31, 2011, to pursue a full-time opportunity with the Troy school system. The Council expressed their appreciation for Pat's many years of service.
- * Approved request by Pat Mayes to be paid leave for the last week of August as compensation for the extra time spent during Bible Camp.
- * Council decided to leave Helen Soehren's position vacant for the remaining 3 months. Will fill position at next election. Nominating committee needs to be activated.

Finance

	<u>July Actual-\$</u>	<u>Jan. – July Actual-\$</u>	<u>Jan. - July Budget-\$</u>	<u>Jan. - July Over/Under Budget</u>
Income	21,015	142,301	151,492	(9,191) Under
Expenses	16,927	157,740	156,001	(1,739) Over

- * Donald Dickison will assume some new POG responsibilities: Manage Pre-School finances; Manage POG office computer systems; Manage library move and materials collection; remain a member of the POG Finance Committee. He will also become familiar with the details of our POG website.
- * Dan Vandenhemel will assume some new POG responsibilities: Become POG Finance Chairman; Track and analyze monthly POG financial activities; Develop system and information necessary to pursue the decision of Council to provide monthly budget reporting for committees and staff; Develop financial reports for council and the congregation.

Information

- * Vision and Mission Implementation met for the first time. Committee consists of Katie Vartanian, Rick Lee, Theresa Erickson, Peg Vandenhemel, John Mayes and Ron Carmona. Ron is Liaison to the Council.
- * Scheduled Vision and Mission Committee Meeting Dates are August 25, September 27, and October 27.
- * Recent events and programs were all advertised on the "Madison Heights City Sign" for free as a result of our membership in the Madison Heights Community Roundtable program.
- * Potential new POG Street Sign – There are some zoning and cost issues. Investigation will continue.
- * Reviewed proposed Stewardship Plan for 2012. Discussed Concepts and Timetable of events. Budget will need to be presented to Council by October. Proposed Congregation Meeting Dates for: First Half of Annual Meeting (November 13) – possibly during Sunday School Hour. Congregation Stewardship Meeting (Individually at First and Second Service November 20).
- * Discussed need for Social Ministry Chairperson.
- * Letter from Synod on Proposed Constitution – We received a letter from Synod requesting some changes to our new Constitution and By Laws. Lori Bluhm is requested to advise regarding these suggested changes. The changes requested are basically format changes.
- * Postponed discussion of building a trust relationship with repeat renters to next meeting.

Sincerely,
 Your Church Council