

POG COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS for June 2011

This summary has been prepared to assure our congregation is aware of Council actions

Pastor Bob

- * Pastor Bob will be starting mid-week services in July reviewing the Gospel of Mark. It will be kid friendly and partnered with a meal.
- * Application to Mt. Zion for an Audio/Visual Grant was turned down.
- * Pastor will soon begin sending a weekly "E-POG" e-mail to all on our e-mail list.
- * Pastor will begin home visitations in July.
- * Three new POG families: Heather & Keith Lakatosh, Wayne & Theresa Peters and Dave Orrin.

Actions

- * Council voted to continue development and implementation of a new system to inform Staff and committees on a monthly basis of their status to budget and approvals required for spending.
- * Council Meeting Highlights will be included on the website.
- * Discussed an annual picnic to recognize volunteers.

Finance

	<u>May Actual</u> -\$	<u>Jan.-May Actual</u> -\$	<u>Jan.-May Budget</u> -\$	<u>Over/Under Budget</u>
Income	19,254	105,630	108,208	(2,578) under
Expenses	20,796	118,909	114,740	(4,169) over

Expenses over budget due to: Sewer repair, snow removal, Pastor Rose 2010 expenses and Misc.

Information

- * A POG visitor expressed objection to the Council's decision to sponsor a fun evening of "game of gambling". It was noted by council members that we would not be advertising, housing or promoting this event and it would be handled by a gaming company. Further 50 % of the funds derived from the entry fee are to be given to charity. The event has a fixed fee for entry that includes chips for gambling.
- * Another POG visitor expressed concern about the 2010 Benevolence to the Synod not meeting the budget. Further, it was discussed whether "special Benevolence gifts" are to be considered as additional to the budgeted Benevolence and whether the congregation has the obligation to meet the budgeted Synod Benevolence if offerings fall short. It was proposed that future Synod Benevolence be defined as a percentage of overall budget. Also, that those wishing to make special Benevolence gifts to the Synod or other organizations do so directly rather than through the POG financial system. Further discussion to be held at the October Council meeting.
- * Vision and Mission Implementation team will be meeting July 7th.
- * Outreach - Community service for the Madison Heights Community and Family Coalition (SYNAR program) the week of June 27th. Requested Youth and Adult assistance on June 29th during the day for the "Sticker Shock" program. Recognized Ron & Judy Carmona as the POG volunteers of the year at the Annual Madison Heights community Roundtable Awards on May 18th. It was noted this event deserves a stronger highlight within the congregation. Madison Heights Little League request for cheer support.
- * Christian Education: 15 are already registered for Bible Camp. Five are non-members who are returning.
- * Music – Council agreed to move forward with placing bibles in the pews and temporarily removing green hymnals.

Sincerely,
Your Church Council