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EGCC Council Minutes
October 25, 2010, 7:15 p.m.

In attendance: Michael Bush, Jeanne Daggett, Kristen Hardendorf, Ruthie Holton, Kathy Mock, Kevin McCloskey, and Jim Pestana. Brad Wolfe (HR Ministry Member)

Absent: Karen Pestana and Bryant Waller - Written reports Provided

Jim began the meeting with an opening prayer, followed by a Bible Reflection

- **Health Updates from Ministries (Joys and Concerns)**
- **Seeking New Life (What New Things are We Being Called to Consider)**
- **Continuing the Way (Previous Items that Need our Attention)**

(Prayer and reflection after each report)

Karen - Worship and Caring - (Written Report) - Reported that Randy had met with the ministry to discuss the role of the Music Ministry Representative. Roles and responsibilities could include: a. Be available for and to participate in the regularly scheduled meetings of the Worship and Caring Meeting, b. To act as communication(s) liaison between the Music Director and Worship and Caring Ministry Chair, c. To act as communication(s) liaison between the organist and the Worship and Caring Ministry Chair, d. To assist Music Director and the Organist in securing appropriate "replacement coverage" in the event of absences, e. To randomly solicit "feedback" from the members of the Congregation in matters of the musical aspects of worship, f. To randomly solicit "feedback" from the members of the Choral Choir and the Hand Bell Choir in Matters of of the musical aspects of worship, g. To be available for placement on "committees" within the Music Ministry (i.e. research costs of replacing robes), h. To assist with fund raisers and special events particular to the Music Ministry, i. To assist the Music Director with recruitment, j. to actively pray for the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare of the Music Ministry, the Pastorate and the Congregation.

Bryant (Abundant Life Ministry) - (Written Report) - The process for Identifying and Inviting for new ministry members continues. we have had two yes's (Art Barstow and Grace Ann Kingsbury have agreed to stay on their ministries for another three-year term) and another member to step down. This gives us the distinctive pattern of two-steps forward, one-step back. If anyone has any suggestions of inside information please feel free to pass the information on to me.

Michael reported that now that both Lewis and Sara are in the current roles, the three of them have been meeting regularly to talk about roles, theology, and coordinate the ongoing work of the staff. The small group studies are continuing. He mentioned that 18 people had signed up for the Introduction to Meditation Study. He also indicated that the Rally to Restore Sanity was taking place on Saturday October 30th.

Lewis - (for Confirmation and Abundant Life Ministry) - Lewis reported the Jubilee Covenant Renewal began Sunday, October 17th and ends on Sunday, November 14th, when the Jubilee Covenant Renewal cards are to be returned during worship. He also mentioned that Confirmation classes, are moving along smoothly.

Kris - (Mission and Outreach Ministry) - Kris expressed concern about not having up to date revenue reports have made it difficult for the Ministry members to make decisions on mission and outreach expenditures. Kevin mentioned he'll follow up and get up to date information back to the council members. She also reported on upcoming mission opportunities to assist those in need: a.

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Blankets + We will be raising funds by selling cards and many other items to benefit Church World Service programs.

b. Clothing and Toiletries collection - organizing the collection of warm men's clothing and other items to be taken to the Immaculate Conception Shelter, c. **Operation Christmas Child** - putting together shoeboxes of School supplies, toys, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, washcloths, etc.. She also reported that Diane Forney will be looking for people for an adult ASP trip in the spring.

Kathy (for Human Resources Ministry) - Kathy passed out information regarding UCC Medical and Dental Plan and that the premium increase is expected to be in 12??% range and that they had a short turn around time for submitting information for the new year. She and Brad also talked about the pastoral evaluation process. There was discussion regarding the process to follow and how the process must be aligned with the work of the Alban Institute as per Michael's call.

Kevin (Physical Resources Ministry) - Blue Jean Sunday is scheduled for November 7th.

Ruthie - (Spiritual Formation Ministry) - Ruthie gave a summary of what Pastor Sara is working on related to middle school and high school youth programs. She indicated that the Adults leaders of the group have expressed gratitude for the support Pastor Sara is providing them. She also reported that she is continuing to seek out coverage for the I.

Jim - Kitchen Update - reminder about the all church meeting on November 14th to vote on the motion to approve Physical Resources Ministry to secure a bank loan to cover the balance of the estimated funds needed to renovate the kitchen up to \$25,000.

Closing Prayer - Meeting ended 9:30 p.m.