

**Minutes**  
**Committee: Church Council**  
**Date: 8/21/2008**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Members Present</b>	<p><b>Present:</b> Mark McKenzie, Pete Mogren, Jodie Johnson, Debbie Lemire, Pr. Steve Nelson, Kathy Arveson, Rod Larkins, Steve Yahr, Jane Lamson and Peggy Head.</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> John Radatz, Bonnie Pottratz, Julie Urban, Gary Martin</p>	Call to order at 7:00 PM
<p><b>This Months Meeting Minutes include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stewardship Update</li> <li>• Ministry Fair</li> <li>• Youth and Family Ministries Director Update</li> <li>• Future's Group</li> <li>• Financial Update</li> <li>• New Intern</li> </ul>		
<b>Bible Study/Support Portion of Meeting</b>		
<b>Bible Study/Support</b>	<p>Devotions – Peggy Head            Pastor Steve Nelson – Bible Study Acts 2</p>	
<b>Business Section of Meeting</b>		
<b>Approve Minutes</b>	Minutes approved from last meeting	Approved
<b>Review Agenda</b>	Agenda presented and approved	Approved
<b>Action Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stewardship Update</li> <li>• Ministry Fair</li> <li>• Youth and Family Ministries Director Update</li> <li>• Future's Group</li> </ul>	<p><b>Loren Johnson attended the council meeting and gave an update on Stewardship. St. Mark's will be sending out reminder letters to the members to help keep members current with their pledges.</b></p> <p><b>There will be a "Celebration Sunday" on November 16 were a presentation will be given on the true meaning of</b></p>

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		<p>stewardship. The Time, Talent &amp; Treasures survey will be handed out to members at that time. Pledge cards will be handed out and there will be a catered lunch at the end of the 10:15 service. Loren and Rod are looking for additional members to take part in the stewardship committee. St. Mark's is looking at offering a course called Financial Peace University. It is a 13 week course on financial planning that is biblically based.</p> <p>The Peter Team is putting together a Ministry Fair on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Members will be able to learn about the different ministries that are available. They are also looking to have the kick off of the Narthex Display. Brochures for the various ministries are being created. Ann Mott has the templates ready to go.</p> <p>Peggy gave an update on the Youth and Family Ministries Youth Director Position. The Hiring Committee is meeting twice a week and is in the process of doing mock interviews. They have 8 possibly more candidates that they will start to interview after Labor day weekend. The Council requested a setting up an event to meet the candidate prior to hiring.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the newly formed Futures Group. This group will create a Mission Statement along with a roll out plan for moving St. Marks into the future. The Synergy group and Council members have been reading the Purpose Driven Church and the Synergy group had a retreat in July. Jim Busscher from Bridgewood Church was the Speaker. Jim has volunteered his time in Small Group Leadership Training as well as discussion on refocusing our mission. At the same time Paul Hill volunteered his time talking to the Youth Committee in regards to refocusing our mission for our youth. The Future's Group is looking for 35 leaders to partake in this new opportunity. In addition St. Mark's is in</p>

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		<b>the process of looking for Small Group Leaders that are willing to take a training course and lead small groups at St. Mark's as a part of our new vision and mission. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to move forward with the Refocusing and Small Group Plan.</b>
<b>Previous Action Items - Status Needed</b>	n/a	
<b>Old Business</b>	n/a	
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Update</li> <li>• New Intern</li> </ul>	<p>Steve Yahr discussed the financials for the month of July. He provided a handout that shows a timeline of Receipts and Disbursements from 2002 to July of 2008. The council discussed the decline of pledges over the summer and ways to encourage growth and tithing.</p> <p>Pastor Steve announced that our new Intern Daniel Morton will be starting at St. Mark's on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Intern Committee will remain the same with the addition of Adam Reinke as the youth representative.</p>
<b>Next Month's Baptism Sign Up and Devotions</b>	The Council Member responsible for Next Month's Baptism and Council Meeting Devotions:	Jodi Johnson
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for September 19th at 7:00 PM.	A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting.

**NOTE: Individual action items are in bold**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by: Peggy Head*