**Minutes of the Leadership Council Meeting**

**March 8, 2015 – 6:30pm**

**Present:** Pastors Matt; Dave; Jeff and Lloyd; Gary Clow; Sandra Clow; Leona Andersen; Tanya McLaren; June Hunt

Pastor Matt read an interesting passage of only 6 verses of scripture, Luke 9:51-56, along with a challenge to think of a few sermon topics that could come out of this very short story. It prompted a great discussion and possibly seven or eight suggestions came to light – plus a question: “what **was** the ‘other’ village they went to?”

The meeting continued with the sharing of praise and prayer requests on behalf of ministries, families and individuals, followed by a time of prayer and some refreshments.

**Business**

**Finance**

Tanya presented the current financial situation, which is very healthy. The Benevolent category is well over-spent already, and after discussing various suggestions,

**ON MOTION IT WAS RESOLVED**: (Pastor Jeff/Gary) that we take up a special Sunday offering towards benevolent needs at sometime during the year. Carried.

On the same issue, Pastor Jeff reported that there is a community program called ‘Stuff-the-Truck’ which periodically gathers non-perishable items for the food banks, and suggested that our congregation might be interested in being involved in that event. The pastors will inform the office in due course to put a notice in the bulletin.

**Town Hall Meeting Review**

Members took some time to report on input received at the Town Hall Meeting, and the overall perception was one of positive reinforcement.

**Two observations** that came from most people were:

1. We are all here on Sundays – we should do whatever needs to be done on a Sunday, as most people’s lives are already too full to consider anything mid-week.
2. Have a fellowship time (coffee/doughnuts; pot-lucks) following the Sunday morning service. Several pot-lucks or soup/buns fundraisers were held last year, and were very well supported

As a result:

1. It was decided to have a coffee and doughnut fellowship once a month, headed up by Larry and Eunice, and
2. **ON MOTION IT WAS RESOLVED:** (Pastor Lloyd/Tanya) that we purchase 2 Keurig coffee makers, coffee to be available every Sunday for a donation of $1, proceeds over cost to go to missions. Carried.

**Steering Committee**

**ON MOTION IT WAS RESOLVED:** (Pastor Matt/Pastor Lloyd) that we form a steering committee to look into the feasibility of various options for the future of our church building. Carried.
 $5,000 is allotted in the Budget for this purpose, which will enable members to research the comparative costs of repair, renovation, reconstruction or replacement of, our church building. Several people have volunteered to be part of this committee on its approval.

**Waste Disposal/Recycling/Organics Directives**

Pastor Dave reported that he is in contact with our current waste disposal company, a local company, and City Hall regarding these directives, and will report back when he has more details.

Pastor Matt closed with prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted

June Hunt, Recording Secretary for the Leadership Council