
**Council Notes
from the meeting on August 19, 2013**

- Council noted and discussed the shortfall in budget receipts being experienced since the start of the new fiscal year on June 1. Communications are planned to keep the congregation informed. The deacons noted that it would be helpful if more members signed up for the electronic online giving option to help keep receipts more steady throughout the year.
- Council reviewed and discussed the goals and objectives that have been set up by each committee for their work in this coming year.
- Church Property Committee reported that the work on our entrances is proceeding as planned and on schedule.
- Our neighboring Seventh Day Adventist church has replaced their parking lot surface. Since we own a small portion of the property included in their parking lot and make use of their parking lot, they have requested that we contribute \$11,500 to help offset their expense. Council felt this was a very fair request considering the extensive work they are doing to upgrade the parking lot.
- Faith will again host the Chick-Fil-A Leadercast next year, with the deacons approaching it as fund raiser for our Timothy fund.
- A special committee recently reviewed the new *Lift Up Your Hearts* CRC Hymnal. The decision at this time is to not purchase the hymnals, but encourage the use of some of the new songs and introduce them in the same manner in which we currently handle contemporary songs not in our present hymnals.
- Missions Committee has planned upcoming visits from Noelle Heber in September and Jim & Ruth Padilla De Borst in October.
- Council approved the temporary hiring of Rev. Dave Armstrong to assist in pastoral visitation and also to conduct our Senior Bible study for the next several months.
- A new projector for our sanctuary big screen has been purchased as the old one was damaged during the recent electrical problems the church experienced.
- The sale of the Jackson parsonage as approved by the congregation is being carried out and is expected to be completed by October.
- Evangelism Committee noted that for the upcoming season for PADS, the Elmhurst Presbyterian Church has now increased their allowed capacity to 50 guests. Our manpower needs are anticipated to stay about the same as before, but increased amounts of food will be needed to serve the added guests.