

# Council Connections

April, 2010

This newsletter is the council's way of communicating regularly with the congregation. We wish to keep you informed of decisions that are made, along with discussions that are happening in the council. We welcome input and conversation with church members. Feel free to contact a council member if you have questions.

## Town Hall Meeting

Thanks to those who stayed for and participated in the town hall meeting on March 28. The MP3 audio of the meeting is available on the website ([www.kcrc.org](http://www.kcrc.org), then go to the "Forms" page) if you were unable to attend. Another town hall meeting will be scheduled prior to the budget vote for



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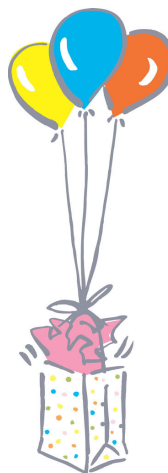
information and questions. This meeting will include the pledge results and some additional budget information and considerations. We encourage you to attend this time of conversation and questions when the date is set.

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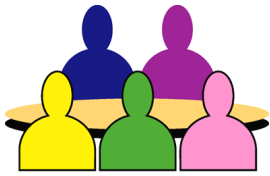
## From One Ministry to Another: A Gift

Over the last year or two, the Council has been talking with the Sportspeople's Club about its future and its funding. As Kelloggsville Church continues to walk in the direction God is calling us, the Council assured the Sportspeople's Club that their continued ministry with us is important to our future. This conversation also led us to realize that as a result of years of ministry and strong financial support a balance of funds existed that seemed larger than our local club could foresee using in the immediate future. We discussed with Sportspeople's Club leadership what they saw as a positive use of the financial resources. After several conversations, they suggested that part of the money be used to bless



Sportspeople's Ministries International (SPMI) and the Council agreed with this proposed use. Since Kelloggsville Church was instrumental in developing the earliest activities of a club and then hosted conferences training individuals and churches to develop their own clubs, the Council further requested that SPMI consider using some of these funds to help coach churches that are interested in starting, but may not be able to afford coaching on their own. Pastor Maury DeYoung, Executive Director of SPMI, and Board President, Gary Bekker, will be at the worship service on May 16 to formally receive this gift.

## Council Nominations



The Council finalized the list of nominees for deacon.

Thanks to those who have agreed to be nominated. The affirmation and selection process will be on May 2, with absentee ballots available on April 25 in the church office.

## Future Staffing

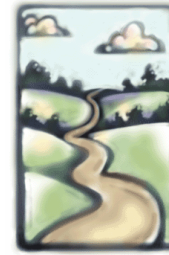
The Council spent some time considering staffing roles and positions as we move forward at Kelloggsville.

In the near term

(summer) the staff will remain as follows:

Jacque will be retiring at the end of May and her position will not be filled; Mike Hekman will continue to lead worship, though in a lessened role; Pastor Laurie will

continue her role with youth; and, Pastor Gilbert will



continue in his contract role helping us with discipleship and outreach.

As we continue with the budget process, the

Council will continue to discuss what we need for

staffing positions and what we can afford. Please pray that we will see clearly how to staff effectively as we move forward.

## Learning...Always Learning!

During this Impact year, our evening worshipping community has grown into a bilingual

group where Anglos and Latinos worship, grow and do community together. On

Easter Sunday, our morning worshipping community met as we have for many years to worship, share breakfast and then worship some more (8:30-11:15 am). Normally, this would have been the end of ministry activities on Easter at Kelloggsville, so we would not



return for an evening worship time. Further, because of Spring break we typically take the

following Sunday evening off. This

year, however, the Latino attendees

celebrated Easter

with a Hispanic-language celebration during the evening time and met again the following Sunday, April 11.

Those two Sunday evenings caused us to learn something that neither we nor Pastor Gilbert foresaw happening.

Our Latino friends, who gathered on Easter night and the

following Sunday without Anglos, observed that the worship and the church was not the same. They missed the community with us and the presence of English in our worship together. In fact, some of the Latino attendees wondered and asked if they had done something wrong or offended them. It became clear to all of us that one body has been planted and is growing on Sunday evenings – a body of Anglos and Latinos primarily – but one body. As we plan beyond Impact for our May and Summer gatherings, this learning will be part of how we plan.