

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE SIERRA

2009 Annual Congregational Meeting – November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Present: 49 members (see attached signatures)

Meeting called to order at 12:15pm

Agenda approved. MSC

November 16, 2008 Annual Congregational meeting minutes approved. MSC

December 7, 2008 Special Congregational Budgetary meeting minutes approved. MSC

Pastor's Report. Joel Martyn

1. Pastor Joel briefly discussed his report and his attendance to this year's ELCA's Churchwide Assembly's meeting with 500 in attendance and briefly discussed decisions made.
2. His major goal for 2010 will be to head a large local community event with Tony Campolo as the guest speaker hosted by HLC.

President's Report. Phil Stevenson

1. Phil acknowledged with thanks present members, officers & team leaders for their service.
2. Noted that team & council meetings are opened to all members.
3. Property & Administration report was summarized.

2010 Budget Presented by Treasurer Cindy Merhaut

1. Amendment made to proposed 2010 Budget in the 2009 Annual Report for Pastor's professional expense of \$4,000.00 to be transferred to salary to eliminate detailed monthly reporting. An informal professional expense report will be provided monthly by pastor at council meetings.
2. Noted under PRESCHOOL "101a PK tuition benefit" name will be changed to "101a Member Tuition Discount". Also, "210 PK tuition expense" will read "210 Member Tuition Discount Expense." The new amount is \$7844 which includes several church members 10% discount and pastor's two sons for two full days a week. This expense will be absorbed by the preschool.
3. Commenting on the amount budgeted for the Synod Mission Pledge; John Long challenged the congregation to increase this amount by 1% each year until 10% is reached. Pastor Joel spoke on the changes in ELCA, reiterating John's comment. A motion was made to increase Synod Mission Pledge from 1% to 3%. MSC
4. Cindy mentioned that printed approved 2010 budget will be available and will be posted in the narthex bulletin board after amendments made.
5. Motion made to adopt the 2010 Budget with amendments. MSC
6. Cindy spoke on generous donation from the estate of Dean Dietrich of \$47,688. The church council requested that this be put in a CD. Also, in 2008 the family of George Stricker gave the church some stock which is in a Charles Schwab account. Both men and their families were faithful members of Hope.

Nomination for open positions to Church Council by Phil Stephenson

1. Donna Bray, Hans Rosevold and Arlene Wolfe have accepted another term on council and Carmen Withrow to serve as new council member for a three year term. No other nominees suggested. Motion made for both returning & new council members to be accepted as council members. MSC

Old Business:

1. It was noted that the Preschool's Playhouse has been completed. Still working on storage shed, thanks to Dave Carneggie & his team.
2. Worship report not in Annual Report. It will be available in the Narthex and added to Annual Report.
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New Business:

1. New Red hymnals present in church, thanks to anonymous contributor.
2. Appointment of two 2010 Synod Assembly representatives, one woman and one man. Meeting to be held in early May in Reno. This year our conference is hosting the three day event. Norma Santiago & Robert Guebard volunteered to attend with Pastor Joel.

Meeting adjourned: 1:10pm

Prayer by Pastor Joel Martyn

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Wolfe