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HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE SIERRA
Church Council Minutes - January 6, 2009

Present: Pastor Joel Martyn, Bonnie Driscoll, Phil Stevenson, George DuPuy,
Donna Bray, Norma Santiago, Robert Guebard, Tara Nixon & Arlene Wolfe

Guest: Chris Triggs

Absent: Cindy Merhaut, Natalie Johnson, Hans Rosevold & Rex Thran

Bonnie opened meeting at 7:05PM
Devotions led by Pastor Joel Martyn.

Preschool:

1. Preschool Director requested 2/3 of Preschool's operation surplus for 2008 to be moved to Preschool savings account and spent on preschool programs for 2009 such as tuition and music program with 1/3 to be used by the church.
MSC
2. Heard at Thrivent meeting that if one church employee gets certain benefits, like health insurance then other fulltime employees (depends on hrs) must be offered same. Cindy's brother who is in legal is looking into this for us and Cindy will report back.

Minutes of November 6, 2008 with spelling changes approved. MSC

Pastor's Report:

1. New group, AA, wants to use the Narthex for meetings on Tues evenings starting next week offering donation for use. Guidelines of church use to be provided to the leader. 10 to 20 will attend. MSC
2. Visits for December not tracked, but numerous.
3. Bonnie, Rex, Cindy & Joel met to discuss pastor's goals for 2009, focusing on connecting with members and ways members can connect with each other and preschool. His second goal would be to grow membership.
4. Set up Facebook's Hope Lutheran Church of the Sierra to connect with members during the week. Anyone on Facebook can join this group. Also looking into "Member Connect" through Concordia publishing.
5. Requested that prior budget cut for babysitter on Tuesday nights be pulled due to sitter needed for worship team to practice for Wednesday's service. Without sitter, very important team members could not attend practice and Wed service would suffer. Motion made to continue up to 2 hrs child care for Tuesday night's worship team to practice for the next three months. Funds received from new AA group meeting same night could offset this expense. MSC
6. Parsonage upstairs bathroom flooring needs replaced. This has been referred to P & A.
7. Automatic deductions for tithing researched. Pastor & Amanda to try this and report back to council by next meeting before suggesting to congregation.

President's Report:

1. Thanks to all council members for support during her past three years as president. She will allow the new President to lead, but also here to help.
2. Thank you to Tara Nixon & Robert Guebard for joining council.

3. Sunday, Jan 25th at 1PM the Catholic Church is holding an Ecumenical Service with many church leaders involved. Suggested that Pastor to attend and give prayer. Pastor Joel already planning on attending.

Treasurer's Report: none at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of officers:

Phil Stevenson accepted position of President for a term of one year. MSC
Donna Bray as Vice President. MSC
Arlene Wolfe as Secretary. MSC
Cindy Merhaut as Treasurer. MSC

Ministry Team assignments:

Pastor Joel would like to commission council members this Sunday, Jan 11th.

P&A: Donna Bray, Cindy Merhaut, Hans Rosevold, Rex Thran, Robert Guebard,
Phil Stevenson & George DuPuy (leader)
Cong. Life: Tara Nixon, Arlene Wolfe, George DuPuy & Phil Stevenson (leader)
Mission & Outreach: Norma Santiago, Arlene Wolfe & Bonnie Driscoll (leader)
Education & Youth: Tara Nixon, Natalie Johnson & Donna Bray (leader)
Worship: Bonnie Driscoll, Robert Guebard, Arlene Wolfe, Phil Stevenson &
Norma Santiago (leader)

TEAM REPORTS

President requested that written team reports are provided at council meetings when meetings held within one month of council and verbal reports of events are given on off months when no team meeting held.

Property and Administration:

1. Discussing turning current church office into meeting room utilizing portable building available to church at no cost. George needs someone to go to LV to transport unit back to Tahoe.
2. Narthex lighting replacement fixtures would cost approx \$570.00. Replacing lenses would cost almost as much as replacing with new units.
3. Thanks to Dave Carneggie for finishing painting of the inside of the preschool.
4. Next meeting Jan 11th 9:15AM

Congregational Life:

1. No meeting in Dec and no Dec events.
2. Jan 25th there is a scheduled cross country & snowshoe ski outing.
3. Next meeting Jan 25th before service.

Worship Team:

1. No minutes.
2. New member's introduction class scheduled for Sat, Jan 24th 10-1pm with lunch provided. This type of class will be scheduled three times per year with second & third concentrating on liturgy & Lutheran religion.
3. Next meeting Jan 22nd 7PM

Mission and Outreach:

1. Discussing group to assist Pastor in reaching & welcoming new or visiting members.
2. Next meeting Jan 18th

Educational Life & Youth:

1. Meeting held in November. Discussed splitting Sunday school into ages 4-7 and 8-11. Sign up sheet in Narthex for volunteers.

2. Christmas program went great, very creative this year. Big thanks to Chris for his involvement again.
3. Youth decorated tree and made fellowship of event.
4. Men's bible study doing great.
5. Woman's retreat having luncheon reunion at Bonnie's home this weekend to discuss next year's retreat.
6. Next meeting Jan 12th, 7PM

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer by all

Meeting adjourned 8:50 PM

Next Meeting: February 3, 2009 7:00 p.m. at church.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Wolfe