

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE SIERRA
Church Council Minutes - March 10, 2009 - Approved May 5, 2009

Present: Pastor Joel Martyn, Norma Santiago, Phil Stevenson, Donna Bray,
Robert Guebard, Tara Nixon, Hans Rosevold, Rex Thran & Arlene Wolfe

Absent: Natalie Johnson, Bonnie Driscoll, George DuPuy & Cindy Merhaut

Phil called meeting to order 7:08PM

Devotion led by Pastor Joel Martyn followed by prayer.

Minutes of February 3, 2009 meeting approved. MSC

Pastor's Report:

1. Intentional visits low this past month due to office computer issues along with other church business. Unintentional visits have been high.
2. Working on two goals this past month: administration and connecting with members & preschool through Facebook. Started a Facebook page for the preschool.
3. Setting up a visitation schedule. Idea discussed for board on narthex wall for four or five one half hour sessions during the week to spend time with Pastor.
4. Five or six new people are interested in becoming new members. This Sunday we are not only have a baptism, but also an introduction of the recent families that have become new members.

President's Report:

1. Nothing at this time.

Treasurer's Report:

1. No written report at this time. Pastor Joel stated that although we have been above budget lately, our budget is at bare bones. We need to be above budget consistently. Simply Giving started March 1st and there are about five families involved so far.

TEAM REPORTS

Property and Administration:

1. Preschool to pay for replacing narthex lighting.
2. New computer purchased for office & reorganization of office discussed.
3. Construction for Preschool playhouse set for spring.
4. Storage shed construction after playhouse completion discussed. Plans are for a 12 x 10 building.
5. Next Meeting April 19th 9:15

Congregational Life:

1. Dr. Seuss themed evening for young family's to include preschool families scheduled for March 20th. Tara Nixon in charge
2. Seder Dinner scheduled for April 4th at 5PM. Kerwin, Diane Martin & Arlene Wolfe in charge.
3. "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" event will be sometime in May.
4. Next meeting Mar 22nd 9:15AM

Worship Team:

1. Meeting of February 19th discussed regarding activities during holy week. Palms have been ordered for Palm Sunday. Sunday Worship service style discussed at that meeting, also. Another meeting on this and Soul Café is scheduled after Kris Diehl's return on March 19th.

Mission and Outreach:

1. No report
2. Next meeting Next Meeting April 19th 9:15AM combined with P&A.

Educational Life & Youth:

1. Handout provided and reviewed of February 9th. Also, March 9th meeting discussed.
2. Sunday school curriculum has been determined. Sunday school to be splitting into two classes.
3. April 26th is set as cleanup date for upstairs storage to clear away fire hazard.
4. Pastor Joel to lead Thursday night prayer class starting May 7th for 8 weeks.
5. Family movie night to be scheduled sometime after Easter.
6. Next meeting April 20th 7PM (moved to 3rd Monday of month)
7. Norma discussed this weekend's double baby shower, dinner & sleep over for the women of the church in a locally rented vacation home with the theme of "Always". Twenty women signed up for dinner and seven for sleep over.

Old Business:

1. Sign up sheet for office volunteers is in the narthex.
2. Members updated information being entered into new Excelerate program by Liz. Phil to set up Internet Integration part of program.

New Business:

1. Our church is celebrating its 45th anniversary this year. A celebration will be discussed at the next congregational life meeting.
2. A central church calendar has not been kept up. Phil volunteered to keep one updated on the church website so it can be printed and placed in narthex. He will coordinate this with others.

Next Meeting: Due to holy week, motion moved & MSC to change next council meeting to March 31st at 7PM.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Wolfe