

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE SIERRA
Church Council Minutes – May 5 – Approved with changes

Present: Pastor Joel Martyn, Tara Nixon, Donna Bray, Phil Stevenson, Cindy Merhaut, Bonnie Driscoll, Robert Guebard and Rex Thran

Absent: Norma Santiago, Natalie Johnson, George Dupuy, Arlene Wolfe, Hans Rosevold

Phil called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM and thanked Pastor and Amanda for hosting it.

Addition to the agenda: Natural Church Development

Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes of March 10, 2009 approved MSC

Pastor's Report:

1. Pastor's intentional visits for April were 24; unintentional visits, 150
2. Seventeen new members welcomed into membership in the church and about 20 others have indicated interest in joining. The new Excellerate program enables Pastor to track them.
3. Liz Gieg is doing an incredible job as secretary.
4. Natural Church Development meeting was held two weeks ago with Scott Sorenson, Pastor Joel and Bonnie. The next step is to take the survey again with 15 of the same people who took it two years ago and 15 different people including some new members. The Church Health Team will make decisions about who will be asked to take the survey.
5. Easter Service attended by close to 200 people. Pastor had many good comments.
6. Pastor announced the plan of the Worship Team to vary the Sunday services with a progression from Traditional to Contemporary (2 services) to a Soul Café type service. David Brock is available to play the organ for the traditional service at a cost of \$200. We would continue to pay Kris Diehl the same amount for 3 services as he has been getting for 4. This would not go over the budgeted amount since we had budgeted for 2 services per week. The suggestion was made to have one mid-week service per month with Kris playing.

President's Report: Phil

1. Phil got together with Liz about the protocol for entering dates on the calendar(via "save the date" sheets.
2. Phil also discussed with Liz setting up a portal on our website to give team leaders access to Excellerate. Liz suggested he work with Arlene Wolfe on this. This will have to wait until Arlene's return in late May.

Treasurer's report: Cindy

1. Playhouse and storage shed will be paid for through the Pre School Maintenance line item at \$1500 each.
2. It was decided by P&A to replace the old folding chairs with new padded folding chairs which Dave Carnegie priced at \$15 each at COSTCO. There are donations to buy 40 chairs which will not be purchased until the storage shed is finished.
3. The Charles Schwab account, opened last year with a member's donation is now worth \$2800. That member has never received a formal thank you letter. Rex will look for an address so that one can be sent.
4. Collection "counters" should be made aware that the information on giving is all confidential but Pastor should know everything. Pastor was asked to put the counter schedule in each Sunday bulletin. Counters need to copy all plate and non-envelope checks and put the copy in the drawer with the envelopes. Cindy does not need a copy. Cindy agreed to write up a procedure for counters.

5. Cindy suggested review of designated funds once a year. Motion: P&A will review designated funds on balance sheet once a year to reassign inactive funds. MSC
6. Cindy asked Council members to fill out Associate Membership forms for Thrivent so that Hope can be eligible for Thrivent funds.
7. Dean Dietrich left HLC 5% of his estate which amounts to \$45,000-\$50,000. The designation of these funds will be decided at a later date.

TEAM REPORTS:

Property and Administration: See attached

1. Brief discussion about a plaque in the Narthex acknowledging items donated in memory or in honor of individuals. Sent back to P&A for details, especially the issue of who would take responsibility for it and update it.
2. Spring Clean Up date has been changed to May 30. Need someone to lead it.
3. Preschool Garden plans have been abandoned.

Congregational Life: See attached.

1. Seder was a success
2. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner has been postponed until fall due to busy schedules.

Worship: No report except for items covered above.

Next meeting, Wed., May 13 at 7PM at the church.

Outreach: See Attached

Concessions for Tahoe Choir earned \$300 for Love Thy Neighbor which will be matched by Thrivent..

Education: No written report

1. VBS, June 28 to July 2, is in full swing
2. Pastor is ordering an exciting new curriculum for Sunday school.
3. Beach Camp is July 6 to 11.
4. Woman's Retreat will be September 11- 13
5. Next meeting, May 18 at 7 PM at the church..

Old Business:

Soul Café Motion: Soul Café is suspended until further notice. MSC
Pastor will call the Tribune to remove it from our add.

Next Meeting, June 2 at the church

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer

Adjourned at 9:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Driscoll for Arlene Wolfe