

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE SIERRA
Church Council Minutes - June 2, 2009 - Approved

Present: Pastor Joel Martyn, Phil Stevenson, Cindy Merhaut, Robert Guebard,
Tara Nixon, Bonnie Driscoll & Arlene Wolfe

Absent: Natalie Johnson, George DuPuy, Norma Santiago, Donna Bray, Hans Rosevold,
& Rex Thran

Guest: Chris Triggs

Phil called meeting to order 7:10PM

Devotion led by Pastor Joel Martyn followed by prayer.

Changes to Minutes from May 5th:

(Under Pres. Report, item 2) Phil also discussed with Liz setting up a portal on our website to give team leader's access to Excellerate. Liz suggested he work with Arlene Wolfe on this. This will have to wait until Arlene's return in late May.

MSC Minutes from May 5th with changes.

Preschool Report by Chris Triggs:

1. Chris requested pay increases to staff beyond original planned amount. MSC to take this request to P&A to select an option presented.

Pastor's Report:

1. Pastor and Amanda attended Synod Assembly last week and it went well. With the new electronic voting, results are not known at this time.
2. The discussion on the book "The Shack" is set for Sat., August 22nd from 9-12 at the church.
3. Intentional visits were 10 this month. Several unintentional visits made. Approximately 31 potential new members were contacted and new member luncheon is set for June 20th from 9-12PM with Arlene in charge of food. Pastor invited all council members to attend, or stop by to introduce themselves. Cindy suggested sponsorships for new members by current members with similar interests.
4. Worship team met and the worship schedule will be changing. (see handout)
5. The new 8:30 early service starts Sunday, June 14th and will continue every week except the first Sunday due to the Skilled Nursing Facility service through Labor Day.. The service will be shorter with Ana playing the piano. Motion made for Worship team to meet sometime in July to discuss early service and plan rest of year. MSC
6. Proposal to start announcements at 10:20 (10 minutes before service begins). MSC
7. Natural Church Development survey needs to be taken again.
8. Proposal to extend secretaries hours from 10 to 20 hours per week. MSC to start this next week.

President's Report:

1. Laurel asked for approval from council to be sponsored & attend Choir Director Workshop here in Tahoe at the Presbyterian site on the lake Aug 2nd - Aug 7th. Funds can come out of Choir fund & balance out of the General Fund. MSC

Treasurer's Report:

1. End of May account balance discussed.
2. Bonnie suggested annual meeting date to be item on July council agenda.

TEAM REPORTS

Property and Administration:

1. There is visual progress to the Preschool playhouse.
2. Chairs will be purchased at Costco, replacing old ones.
3. Spring clean-up went well.
4. Next Meeting June 14th 9:15, or after early service.

Congregational Life:

1. (see handout)
2. Next meeting Aug 16th, 9:15AM

Worship Team:

1. (see handout)

Outreach:

1. (see handout)
2. Arlene suggested funds from Tahoe Choir concessions be applied to Bread & Broth's Adopt a Day program. Cindy to check on balance of funds needed.
3. Next meeting Next Meeting June 14th 9:15AM.

Educational Life & Youth:

1. Woman's retreat set for Sept 11-13. Several have signed up.
2. New curriculum for Sunday school starts in the Fall. Current Sunday school to take a break for summer starting June 13th and resume Labor Day weekend. Pastor has children's time prepared each week, but children aren't present. Emphasis on children's sermons in the summer & continue when new fall Sunday school starts, dismissing them after children's sermon. New curriculum goes along with readings throughout the year.
3. Fund raiser planned for beach camp will be a bake sale in front of Raley's.

Old Business:

1. Church management program - Phil & Arlene to get together on this.

New Business:

1. Discussion on updating pictures in narthex. Cindy to take snapshots & ask Amanda for ones she has completed.
2. Blue Bucket week & the Woman's monthly luncheon conflict with annual picnic date. Blue Bucket Sunday for July changed to July 19th. Arlene to contact Linda Amundson for her reminder calls.

Next Meeting: July 7, 2009. Phil cannot attend.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Adjourned 8:45PM

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Wolfe