

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE SIERRA
Church Council Minutes - Sept 1, 2009 - Subject to Approval

Present: Pastor Joel, Phil Stevenson, Tara Nixon, Bonnie Driscoll, Hans Rosevold, Natalie Johnson, Donna Bray & Arlene Wolfe

Excused Absent: George DuPuy, Cindy Merhaut & Robert Guebard
Unexcused Absent: Norma Santiago, Rex Thran

Meeting called to order 7:15PM

Opened with devotion & prayer by Pastor Joel

Minutes from Aug 4, 2009 approved. MSC

Pastor's Report:

1. Wants to avoid burnout of volunteers. Discussed making subcommittees & getting new people involved. Suggestion made that each current committee to discuss & come up with options for subcommittees. Example: Education committee could be divided into Sunday school, youth & woman's group subcommittees.
2. Sunday counters discussed. This discussion to be taken to the Worship Committee.
3. Digital recording system requested so sermons can be recorded. Asked for approval for purchase. Pastor to look into cost and get back to council.

President's Report:

1. Discussion later in report on New & Old business

Treasurer's Report:

1. Cindy asked Bonnie to tell each team leader to bring to next month's meeting the dollar amount needed for next years budget.

TEAM REPORTS

Property and Administration:

1. (hand-out provided)
2. Electrical problem at parsonage needs immediate attention. Motion made to engage electrician. MSC
3. Next meeting is Sunday, 9/13

Congregational Life:

1. (hand-out provided)
2. Next meeting is Sunday, 10/18.

Worship Team:

1. Decided to end 8:30 service a week early since Anna wasn't available. Agreed to hold off for now on a second service until next May. No Wednesday service except Advent & Lent.
2. Next meeting TBD

Outreach:

1. No report at this time. Difficult to find agreeable meeting time due to conflict in time with other committees and new Sunday schedule.
2. Welcome bags made and some distributed. More in Narthex.
3. Hope was able to donate two "Adopt a Night" dinners for Bread & Broth.
4. Christmas Cheer near closing or only open for minimum days.
5. Hike for Housing is scheduled for October 4 with Carolyn Meiers in charge.
6. Joanne Foster working Alternate Christmas Market the second Sunday in Nov.
7. Next meeting tentatively for Wed, 9/23 at the church.

8. Oktoberfest will be the weekend of October 4,5. Arlene is in charge.

Educational Life & Youth:

1. (hand-out provided)
2. Motion made to have Sunday school moved from during service to before service time slot of 9:15 - 10AM. MSC
3. Sunday school & adult forum to start with kick-off 9/13.
4. Next meeting TBD

Old Business:

1. Excellerate program is integrated with our website. There will be training for leaders soon.
2. Pastor's boys starting preschool discussion tabled until next month.
3. Details of annual meeting sent to Worship committee.
4. Tara Nixon to have each Sunday school teacher complete harassment form.

New Business:

1. Action of ELCA discussed.
2. Small nominating committee volunteers needed for one replacement council member if Rex Thran doesn't want to serve another term. Phil will ask Rex.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Adjourned 8:50 PM

Next Meeting: Oct 6th, 7PM

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Wolfe