

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE SIERRA  
Church Council meeting – November 3, 2009

Present: Bonnie Carneggie, Robert Guebard, Hans Rosevold, Natalie Johnson, Donna Bray, Phil Stevenson, Cindy Merhaut, Norma Santiago, Pastor Joel Martyn. Guest: Suzanne Rosevold. Absent: George DuPuy, Rex Thran, Tara Nixon, Arlene Wolfe.

Agenda approved. MSC

Devotions: Pastor Martyn.

Pastor's Report.

1. Pastor is trying to get a musician for three Advent and two Christmas services. David Brock offered to play four services for \$600. Council advised Pastor to keep looking (for a less amount.)
2. Pastor made many visits but did not keep a count this month.
3. Pastor is still working on setting up a date to have Tony Compolo speak (fundraiser).
4. Joyce Gibson's memorial will take place Saturday, Nov. 14 – hosted by her family.
5. After discussion a motion was made to transfer "Pastors Professional Expense" (\$4000) to "Pastor's Salary." MSC This would eliminate a need for the church to require expense reports. Pastor was asked to keep an informal account of how his professional expenses are spent. We will readdress this issue again next year.

President's Report. Phil Stevenson

Nominations for next term of council: Arlene Wolfe, Donna Bray and George DuPuy agreed to serve another term. Phil is waiting for a reply from one more. Cindy will make up ballots for Annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Cindy Merhaut

1. Reviewed the *Proposed 2010 Budget* prepared in the 2009 Annual Report. A motion was made to combine all member discounts for preschool tuition (including 5 current member families and pastor's) and rename account "101a PK tuition benefit" to read "Member Tuition Discounts" and "210 PK tuition expense" to read "210 Member Tuition Discounts Expense." The budgeted amount will be \$7,844. MSC
2. Cindy noted that the Income and Expense Report in the 2009 Annual Report was only 11 months. She will provide a 12 month one as an attachment to the Annual Report.
3. The current Simply Giving program sponsored by Thrivent Financial will now be endorsed by Thrivent Financial Bank. There will now be minimal charges for each transaction. Council agreed to continue with the program. Cindy will take care of the paperwork involved.
4. The trust fund from Dean Dietrich will be sent to the church soon. The amount will be \$47,688. Cindy will put it in a 3 month CD at Bank of the West upon receipt.
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Property & Administration – Next meeting is Sunday, Nov. 8 at 9:15am.

Congregational Life – See attached.

Worship – Next meeting to be announced. Norma will have a Worship Report as an addition to the 2009 Annual Report.

Mission & Outreach – See attached report. Next meeting in January.

Education – Donna Bray.

1. Youth meet every other Monday - about 8 or 9 attend. Confirmation students are included in this group.
2. Sunday School is back to during church service. Low attendance.
3. Will discuss Christmas program at next meeting.

Congregational Life – Next meeting is January 17.

Old Business:

1. Staff evaluations will be scheduled soon.
2. Harassment forms – Church office will complete.

New Business:

1. Annual meeting will be a potluck and take place in the fellowship hall. Pastor will announce at church this Sunday.
2. Council Christmas party will be on Tues., Dec. 8 at Cindy's house at 6pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 7pm

Meeting adjourned: 9pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Merhaut