



Hosanna LUTHERN CHURCH LCMS

Council of Ministries Minutes

January 10, 2007

PRESENT

Suzanne Cadley, Guy Larson, Chris Saul, Linda Marsh, Doug Bradshaw, Willa Bradshaw, Brad Gillund, Marge Drew, and Pastor Greg

Remembrance

President, Guy Larson, announced that Ken Pirk died on January 9th. Services for Ken will be at the church; however arrangements are being made at this time. Willa Bradshaw and Mary Gleeson are planning a luncheon to be served after the service.

President's Report

President, Guy Larson, introduced Linda Marsh, Treasurer, and Marge Drew, Council Secretary. 2007 Strategy & Goals – Witness and Outreach Committee will prepare mass mailings for Easter and Christmas as a part of local outreach. Monies for postage approved in the 2007 budget. A sincere thank you was offered to Jude Donovan, Past President, for two years of service.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the November 1, 2006 Council of Ministries were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes was made by Doug Bradshaw; second, Suzanne Cadley.

Old Business

Voter's Meeting Review

Hosanna received good revenues during the 2006 budget year. The 2007 budget was approved at the November voters meeting. The budget included a stretch budget amount of \$35,000. Approximately \$3,000 will be used to eliminate the deficit from 40 Days of Purpose. Budget accounts from previous years will be reviewed and any balances will be transferred to like budget items in the 2007 budget.

A committee will be formed to review the By Laws and appropriate changes made to reflect current procedures. By Laws are required to be reviewed no later than 2008.

Sunday School Superintendent

Chris Saul reported that the position is still open. Recruiting is still ongoing. The position requires approximately 20 hours per month. Kits for Sunday School need to be purchased to complete the 3 year program. Chris asked for names of individuals that may be interested in the position.

Worship Chairperson

At the Council meeting, November 1, 2006, Mary Gleeson reported the she felt the Worship Chairperson position is no longer necessary because other groups within this committee are able to manage themselves. The Worship Committee has a budget and therefore, must have a person to manage expenditures. Mary has agreed to continue as Worship Chairperson.

Shepherds Staff

There are 4 major modules in the program – household, people, attendance, and contributions. All households have been entered and the majority of people. The remainder of the people will be completed within the next 2 weeks. Training for attendance and contributions input will be scheduled as soon as possible.

New Business

Balance Sheet Adjustments

The budget year ended in the black! A specific negative of \$3,219.00, for 40 Days of Purpose needs to be eliminated. It is proposed that positive 2006 budget funds credited to the 2007 budget be used. Motion to approve made by Willa Bradshaw, second by Brad Gillund.

By Laws Committee

Committee will be Tim Boettcher, Chairperson, Eric Linneman, and Doug Ferguson. Current Bylaws will be reviewed and suggestions made for changes to reflect current procedures.

The Great Hosanna Clean Sweep

The purpose is to make storage rooms more usable, clean out, reorganize upstairs file room, and provide a Youth Game Room in the Fellowship Hall area. Approximate costs of \$950, for dumpster, new lateral file cabinets, data shredding, and other related costs. Balance in the Air Conditioning account can be moved to the Facilities Account, other funds are available in the Building Maintenance account and General Fund. Motion was made by Pastor Greg and seconded by Willa Bradshaw.

New Church Pictorial Directory

Members have suggested the Hosanna do a new pictorial directory. The key item will be to find someone to coordinate the project and set appointments. Set a date sometime in the fall. This item will be discussed further at the next Council meeting.

Witness and Outreach Mailing Strategies

A large post card will be mailed to members and other residence addresses by specific zip codes. The first mailing will be prior to Easter. A generic mailing with other churches along Belleview Avenue will be studied. Postage funds will go further with other church involvement.

Branding Hosanna

This will be a standard, simple font and logo to be used on all church materials.

Treasurer's Report

The budget year ended with a positive \$13,000. After the \$3,000 deduction for 40 Days of Purpose, the balance will be approximately \$10,000. The transfer of the Treasurer's books took place on January 7, 2007.

Open Concerns

Early Learning Center is an important part of Hosanna. Timely reports are needed from the Early Learning Center Board and Director. A copy of the budget is needed; budget balances need to be reported monthly; the Treasurer needs a payroll tax report. Guy Larson will attend the next Early Learning Center Board meeting which has been moved to January 24th.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Greg handed out copies of his January 2007, report. The emphasis for 2007 will be on spiritual gifts and reaching out to the community – "Mission Littleton."

Prayer Concerns

Pastor Greg closed the meeting with prayer.

Calendar Next Council Meeting will be March 7th

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Drew

Council Secretary