

Hosanna LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council of Ministries Minutes (preliminary)
March 7, 2007

Present

Chris Saul, Willa Bradshaw, Linda Marsh, Guy Larson, Tim Boettcher, Bob Hille, Chris Asta, and Marge Drew

Opening Prayer

Guy Larson led the group in the Lord's Prayer.

President's Comments

Mission: LITTLETON will consist of several small Bible study groups. The program will be something like the Ablaze program but will have less reading. This program will include videos and more hands on activities. It should be a fun program.

Minutes

Minutes from the January 10, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Linda Marsh; second, Tim Boettcher. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report

No report. Pastor Greg is on vacation with his Dad in Florida.

PMC (Elders') Report

Bob Hille reported the focus this year will be on Mission: LITTLETON. The Elders continue to concentrate on member families that are not attending services. Some member families have been released. The best news is that as a result of contact by an Elder, some member families are returning. Pastor Greg reported to the recent meeting of the Pastoral Leadership Institute the reorganization of the Elders and the success achieved. We may be setting a trend! Several members of the PLI expressed an interest in the details of our program so they can use this process for their home congregations.

Requested Reports

Sunday School Report/Ministry of Education Report

Chris Saul reported that Larry Boeding accepted the Sunday School Superintendent position. Upcoming events include the Easter Egg Hunt and a Thank You Potluck for the Sunday School Teachers.

Youth Lock-In will be March 9 and 10. The youth group from Ascension Lutheran Church has been invited to join our youth group.

Chris Asta explained a non-budget expenditure that he would like approved. The 2007 Budget for the Youth Group has funds identified for the National Youth Gathering. Chris has purchased office supplies so he can copy song sheets and other necessary items for the Youth Group. Chris asked approval of \$500.00 increase to Youth's 2007 budget. Motion to approve made by Chris Saul; second Bob Hille. Motion passed.

Fellowship Committee

Willa Bradshaw reported that Souper Suppers have been scheduled with the various groups. May events will include receptions for high school graduates and the 2007 Confirmation Class.

Old Business

Bylaws Committee – Committee members: Doug Ferguson, Eric Linneman, Tim Boettcher. Committee members need to find the diskette of current Bylaws. Guy Larson will try to locate the diskette by checking with former Council members.

Great Hosanna Clean Sweep

This event was very successful. A concern was voiced that some Early Learning Center materials were destroyed. Guy Larson said that our Early Learning Center Director was present in the area and participated in the Clean Sweep.

Guy Larson discussed the area on the northeast side of the building, facing Belleview Avenue. The grounds present a safety concern because of the grading and the door is in need of refinishing or replacing. A solution may be to build a new deck with improved area grading and landscaping. More information will be forthcoming.

Shepherds Staff Update

Training has been completed. Attendance is the last module. Attendance is now being brought up-to-date.

Pictorial Directory

A suggestion has been made to develop a member family questionnaire to determine the level of interest. Another alternative would be for us to take digital pictures of member families and produce our own pictorial directory. The key element for a professionally produced pictorial directory will be to find a

person to coordinate and set appointments.

Witness and Outreach Mailing

Post cards have been ordered for the Easter mailing. Household addresses within a 15 minute drive time from Church will be provided by Guy Larson. The newer section of Governors Ranch and the subdivision behind the old Hugh M. Woods facility will be included. Denver passed a pre-school tax benefit and these homes would be included because of their Denver mailing address. Our Early Learning Center has 30 students currently enrolled. We need a minimum of 5 additional students to meet the Center's budget needs. Post cards will also be sent to members the Elders have identified to encourage their return to Hosanna.

Old Business

VBS-in conjunction with other church?

Chris Saul reported that Concordia Lutheran Church has been invited to join our VBS program. VBS theme will be Jesus: The Way, The Truth, The Life, from Concordia Publishing House. An early summer date is being considered.

Construction in Sanctuary

Various improvement projects are presently underway and the Sanctuary will be repainted.

New Carpet in Sanctuary

Guy Larson reported that David Kennedy is getting bids for new carpeting in the Sanctuary. The bids are between \$19,000 and \$24,000. Carpeting is not a 2007 Budget item. A resolution will need to be presented at the semi-annual congregational meeting. Funds may be by donation (similar to the parking lot fund raiser).

2006 Audit

A date needs to be set for the 2006 Audit and committee members identified.

Possible Members: Terry Utecht, Theresa Kennedy, Randy Booton.

Semi-Annual Meeting – May

Pastor Greg will choose the specific date. This meeting is usually held during the month of May. The 2006 Audit needs to be completed prior to the semi-annual meeting date. The month of May is normally very busy; therefore, the Bylaws Committee may want to suggest holding the meeting another month – maybe April.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Marsh reported an approximate balance this month of plus \$200. Contributions were very low for January and February because of the various snow storms. Linda is concerned that she is receiving bills to be paid as much as two months after the due date. Some regular monthly bills such as utility bills **DO NOT** require approval. The present bill approval process is causing a slow down. We are presently paying late fees that can be avoided by modifying the current bill approval process. Bills that **DO** require approval: Attach the store receipt to a voucher form and put the forms in Linda's mailbox. Linda needs a receipt and voucher form to start the bill paying process. Approval can be obtained later.

Open Concerns

No concerns expressed.

Prayer Concerns

No prayer concerns expressed.

Calendar

Next Council of Ministries Meeting – Wednesday, May 2, 2007

Tentative date for Semi-Annual Meeting – Sunday May 20, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Drew

Council of Ministries Secretary