

Hosanna Lutheran Church
Council of Ministries Minutes (Preliminary)
March 5, 2008

Present

Tim Boettcher, Pastor Greg, Bob Hille, Teresa Kennedy, Linda Marsh, Chris Saul, Marge Drew

Opening Prayer

Pastor Greg opened the meeting with prayer.

President's Report

Work Day will be Saturday, March 22nd, from 8:30 to 11:30 am. Lunch will be served.

Equipping to Share Workshop will be held Saturday, April 19th, from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.

The request for a Seder Dinner will not be held this year because of the conflict with Maundy Thursday service.

The organ needs to be tuned before Easter services.

Previous Minutes

Motion was made to accept the January 9, 2008, Minutes as presented by Pastor Greg. Second, Linda Marsh.

Motion approved.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Greg plans to be gone March 10-14, to be with his Dad.

Lenten services were well attended.

Holy Week Service Schedule: Palm Sunday – Saturday, 6:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am, and 10:30 am. Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm. Good Friday, 7:00 pm. Easter Services – Saturday, 6:00pm, Sunday – 6:30 am, 8:00 am, and 10:30 am.

Summer schedule begins May 25, Memorial Day. Service times will be Saturday, 6:00 pm. Sunday, 8:00 am, and 9:15 am.

Confirmation Service will be May 4.

China Mission trip will be May 10-28, 2008. We currently have \$9,042.00 in the Missions account. An additional \$5,800.00 is anticipated for a total of \$14,842.00. Estimated expenses for the China Mission Trip - \$8,600.00. This leaves \$6,242.00 in seed money for Hosanna's Missions Team, more than double the amount requested for the 2008 budget.

Stephen's Ministry Commissioning will be held Sunday, March 9th, at the 10:30 am service. We have 11 new Stephen's Ministers under the direction of Mary Ashbrook.

Equipping to Share Workshop will be Saturday, April 19th, from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.

PMC Report

A meeting was held with interested members of the congregation to see if there is a need to make any changes in the present services. Nothing different was suggested. A worship forum, TLH, will be held the second Sunday of the month during the 8:00 am service. Members of the PMC continue to prepare for Lent and Easter services.

Committee Reports

Plans are being made for Vacation Bible School. The theme will be God's Big Backyard. Angela Riemer will serve as Director.

The annual Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt will be held Palm Sunday, March 16th during the regular Sunday School time. Donations of Easter eggs are still being encouraged. There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter Sunday.

Worship and Outreach committee submitted their goals for 2008. A question was raised regarding exit interviews with members leaving the church. Pastor Greg does conduct an exit interview. Work is underway for a new Church Directory.

Old Business

Property Proposal. The property usage proposal from Mark Stanley, Owner of Culver's restaurant of Colorado Springs has been rescinded.

Capital Campaign. Will include a feasibility study for an elevator and improvement to the sanctuary.

Phone Directory. Work is underway to publish a new Church Phone Directory.

New Business

Missions Committee approval. The newly formed mission committee held a brainstorming meeting. The Missions Director of the Community Bible Study group will be present at the meeting Saturday to share her experiences organizing mission projects. Our Bylaws require Council approval of ad hoc committees. A motion was made by Bob Hille to recognize the Mission Committee as an official committee of Hosanna Lutheran Church. Second, Teresa Kennedy. Motion approved.

Thrivent congregational grant. Congregational grant money from Thrivent may be used for missions.

Memorial contributions process. A question has been asked regarding an acknowledgement letter sent to those making a memorial contribution. Pastor Greg will check with Jane Wood to be sure an acknowledgement letter is being sent to contributors.

Audit. Teresa Kennedy will form the Audit committee. The audit must be completed prior to the spring Voter's meeting.

Voter's Meeting date. The Voter's Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 20, 2008.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Marsh reported a \$2,000.00 loss for this year. Last year the loss was \$4,000.00 for the same period of time. Linda is hopeful that the month of March will be good financially because of the Easter services.

Open Concerns

No open concerns were mentioned.

Prayer Concerns

Gayle Bartholome will have surgery Thursday.

Mel Raddeman has resolved the problem of someone to stay with Eileen while Mel runs errands.

Pastor Greg requested prayers for this Dad.

Calendar

The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, May 5th, at 7:00 pm.

Closing Prayer

Pastor Greg offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Marge Drew

Council of Ministries Secretary