

Hosanna Lutheran Church
Council of Ministries Minutes (Preliminary)
July 11, 2007

Present

Guy Larson, Chris Saul, Suzanne Cadley, Bob Hille, Doug Bradshaw, Larry Boeding, Linda Marsh, Pastor Greg, Tim Boettcher, Tracy Strabrava, Willa Bradshaw, and Marge Drew.

Opening Prayer

Pastor Greg led the group in prayer

President's Report

Spring Cleanup was successful. Organ is in need of repair. Guy will check to be sure the repairperson has been contacted.

Previous Minutes

Motion to accept the May 2, 2007 Minutes as presented made by Doug Bradshaw. Second, Pastor Greg. Motion approved.

Pastor's Report

MISSION: LITTLETON series will continue beginning September 16, **PRAYER: CONNECTING TO OUR FATHER.**

Stewardship offering envelopes for 2008 have been received. A short statement, Stewardship Moments, will appear in the weekly Hot Line.

Mission China: A grant application was submitted to an ECLA church, Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. The congregation voted to fund this grant request in the amount of \$4,250.00.

A grant was submitted to The Rocky Mountain District for Equipping to Share workshop, \$500.00 and \$750.00 for New Neighborhood Outreach. This brings the total gifts to our congregation for outreach and pastoral enrichment to over \$12,000 for the year.

Pastor Greg and Phyllis have been given the opportunity to participate in a pastors/wives retreat September 17-22. This retreat is being offered by Grace Place Retreats, a service organization of the LCMS.

Leadership Retreat, Saturday, January 26, 2008 (tentative date). Equipping to Share: A Workshop for Everyday Evangelism, presented by Lutheran Hour Ministries and funded by a grant from the LCMS Ablaze! initiative.

PMC Report

Bob Hille reported various issues the elders will be addressing. Saturday evening services. Church security issues will be reviewed and updated as necessary. Reports have been received that churches being broken into. Elders are asked to help lock up the building after each service.

Requested Reports

Larry Boeding reported that 2 to 4 Sunday School teachers are needed for junior and senior high school classes.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mowing Budget. Guy Larson requested an additional \$200.00 for the Mowing budget. The 2007 Budget for Mowing of \$600 is not sufficient. Motion for an additional \$200.00 was made by Guy Larson. Second, Suzanne Cadley. Motion approved.

Yellow Pages. Several members own businesses and would like to investigate the possibility of publishing Yellow Pages for the congregation possibly once per quarter. The Yellow Pages would be placed in member mailboxes and copies would be available at the Information Desk. A cost figure of approximately \$50.00 for 1/8 page advertisement is being considered. The money raised would be used to cover the costs of printing the Yellow Pages, provide additional monies for the Hosanna Herald and Congregational Directory.

Baseball field maintenance. The South Jeffco Sports League pays Hosanna \$500.00 per year for mowing and maintaining the baseball field. The field needs a simple watering system, weeding, and possible planting buffalo grass. Buffalo grass would require less water. Randy Booton will be contacted to investigate the possibility of the Boy Scout Troop providing the maintenance.

Treasurer's Report

Current financial status. Linda Marsh reported a shortage of approximately \$4,900.00 for the last 2 month. This shortfall is in line with the shortfall during the same months last year. The congregation needs to be reminded that expenses continue during the summer and seek cooperation for a more consistent monthly contribution level. Linda is trying to reconcile a fund difference with the Early Learning Center. Linda needs the payroll detail to backup the employment taxes paid. Linda will contact MJ Pirk for needed information. A computer program such as QuickBooks is needed for the Early Learning Center. Procedures need to be in place to assure that various Early Learning Center bills and payroll checks are issued even during times of unexpected absence or illness of the person responsible for these financial duties.

Early Learning Center Report

Tracy Strabrava reported that 20 students have enrolled for this coming school year and teachers have been hired. Various school supplies are being donated by congregation members. There is still a need for classroom window blinds. The playground area will be checked out and needs addressed. Another licensing inspection is expected this school year. There will be more licensing inspections than in past years. The By Laws need to be updated to include a parent representative to serve on the Early Learning Center Board. The Parent representative would address only parent concerns and would not be present during discussions of finances, salaries, etc. A salary and budget committee needs to be appointed.

Open Concerns

Chris Asta is concerned with some sensitive issues regarding the Youth Group that have been called to his attention. Sensitive issues should not be addressed by email.

Margaret Goodenow has moved into an assisted living facility in Golden.

Jane Wood's husband, Norm, is not doing well. He weighs 118 pounds and is very weak. Jane has requested leave for the month of July to be with Norm. After some discussion, Pastor Greg made a motion for Jane to receive full pay for 2 days per week during the month of July. Second, Guy Larson. Motion approved. Volunteers will be in the office from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Monday through Thursday for the month of July.

Tax Exempt forms are in office mailbox. Tax Exempt forms must be used when purchasing items for the church.

Prayer Concerns

Youth Convention will be held in Florida July 25 through August 1.

Calendar

Next Council Meeting will be September 5th.

Closing Prayer

Pastor Greg led the group in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Drew
Council of Ministries Secretary