

**Hosanna Lutheran Church**  
Council of Ministries Minutes (preliminary)  
September 10, 2008

**Present**

Bob Hille, Linda Marsh, Larry Boeding, Teresa Kennedy, Diane Obialero, Chris Saul, Tim Boettcher, Pastor Greg, Milo Samson, Guy Larson, Marge Drew

**Opening Prayer**

Pastor Greg offered the opening prayer.

**President's Report**

Items for the President's Report will be covered in other agenda items. President-elect needs to be identified for the coming year.

**Previous Minutes**

Pastor Greg made a motion to accept the July 9, 2008 Minutes as presented. Second, Linda Marsh. Minutes approved.

**Pastor's Report**

Fall programs are underway. Confirmation class enrollment: Seniors – 5 students; Juniors - 6 students.

Confirmation classes will be held at the church Wednesdays, 6:30 pm.

September is Missions month. Several guest speakers have been invited to each Sunday to share details of their mission. October will be American Politics month. Each Sunday at 9:15 am, a program will be presented to examine our role as Christians in the political arena. November will be Stewardship month. The theme will be Stories to Tell – Gifts to Share – PASS IT ON!

Pastoral concerns include Margaret Goodenow and Bob Becker.

Reminder: Herald deadline is Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**PMC Report**

Bob Hille's report will be covered in other agenda items.

**Committee Reports**

**Seder Dinner** Milo Samson presented a request from the Sunday evening Cheers group to host a Seder Dinner on Maundy Thursday. Milo did present the proposal for the Seder Dinner at the last Elders meeting which was approved by the Elders. Milo's presentation to Council: A Seder Dinner is a solemn Passover meal with lamb as the main food, wine will be served with the meal. The Cheers group requests the Seder Dinner to be held on Maundy Thursday. The Seder Dinner is traditionally a very long ceremony. Pastor will work with the Cheers group to shorten the dinner time to 1 1/2 hours. Maundy Thursday will be April 9, 2009. Traditional service will be held in the Sanctuary from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm with communion offered. The Seder Dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 7:00 pm. Each member of the Cheers group will be given an assignment. Pastor Greg will assign the Table Leaders. A budget item is requested to help defray some of the costs related to the dinner.

**Early Learning Center**

Diane Obialero reported that 40 children are enrolled in various classes for this school year. A member of Hosanna that has a child enrolled in the Early Learning Center requests tuition assistance for 2 months. Motion was made by Pastor Greg to provide tuition assistance in the total amount of \$210.00. Second, Tim Boettcher. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion followed regarding a form that needs to be completed by individuals seeking tuition assistance. An attempt will be made to various individuals that may have knowledge of the form.

**Sunday School**

Sunday School teaching positions have been filled and 36 children are registered. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are a core group that will soon become a part of our Youth Group. Children will be learning new songs to be performed during several worship service.

Chris Saul reported that the Coffee Haus will be opened the first and third Sundays of each month.

Chris was disappointed to learn we are no longer offering a Youth Group because of low attendance. Pastor Greg will be investigating various Mission opportunities that will encourage youth participation.

**Baseball Field**

Stephen Winkler presented a written report and diagram of a long range master plan for the baseball field. The improvements to the baseball field will be self funded

**Old Business****Capital Campaign Committee**

Tim Boettcher will be meeting Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, with an architect to evaluate suggested capital improvement. Our financial status will determine what improvements may be completed.

**Memorial Accounts**

Pastor Greg has sent letters to appropriate individuals regarding remaining monies in individual Memorial Accounts. Pastor Greg is awaiting a response to determine their wishes for the use of the remaining funds.

**Guy Larson**

Guy Larson was present at the Council. Guy normally records the entire 8:00 AM worship service and sends CD's to individuals unable to attend worship services. Presently, a copy is placed in a book at the Information Desk and only one individual is receiving a copy. Guy is going to only record the readings and sermon portion of worship service for the CD's. The sermon will continue to be available on Hosanna's website.

**Tax Exempt Form**

The Tax Exempt Form cannot be found. A penalty will be assessed by the State for returning the form late. The search will continue for the lost Tax Exempt Form and it will be completed before the next Council meeting.

**New Business****Date for November Voter's Meeting**

The November Voter's Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 am.

**Treasurer's Report**

Contributions are down considerably when compared with last year. Some possible reasons are summer vacations, the economy, under and unemployed members. Contributions increased slightly in August because of five Sundays during the month. The insurance premium in the amount of \$5,000 is due which will result in a larger deficit. Pastor Greg directed Linda to continue to use monies from any available funds. If this trend continues other options will need to be considered such as refinancing or an interest only loan.

**Open Concerns**

April, 2009 Hosanna Lutheran Church will be celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Plans will be made for celebrations including a visit from our District President.

**Prayer Concerns**

Prayer was offered for Margaret Goodenow, Bob Becker, and all congregation members dealing with financial problems, possible job loss, and those dealing with illnesses.

**Calendar**

The next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm

**Closing Prayer**

Pastor Greg offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Drew

Council of Ministries Secretary