

**Hosanna Lutheran Church**  
**Council of Ministries Minutes**  
**November 2nd, 2005**  
Taken and compiled by Mark Sherak

**In Attendance:** Deb Willingham, Mark Sherak, Mary Gleeson, Jude Donovan, Stephen Winkler, John Hoener, Willa Bradshaw, Margo Pasha,

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM. Jude opened the meeting with prayer.

**President's Comments:**

Jude stated that she was thrilled that she had the opportunity to go to the Pastor's mother's service in South Bend and that she is convinced that she missed out knowing a living saint. She said 3 out of 4 Pastors stated that Mrs. Peters' was a role model to imitate.

The minutes for October were approved with minor grammatical changes.

**Pastors Report:**

Pastor Greg will be back in town tomorrow. He said he misses us.

**PMC Report:**

John Hoener reported that we were able to get through the services last week in Pastor Greg's absence. He said that we have done our best to cover while he has been gone.

**Old Business:**

**Council Reorganization Proposal:** (see back of agenda) Jude presented the proposal to reorganize Council and to approve temporary working rules. She amended the 2<sup>nd</sup> line eliminating the number of meetings to be held in 2006. Jude said she would like to see every team meet at the church on the alternate months and possibly participate in a common group prayer. She also stated that flexibility in the schedule needs to be addressed.

**Light fixture replacement:** Willa said that Doug is currently in Louisiana doing morgue duty after the hurricane. He is hoping to get the light fixtures replaced by Christmas. Doug is proposing that we replace the big fixtures by the door with smaller units and use the replaced units for spares and replacements. The question was posed about outsourcing this task. Stephen Winkler said he will ask Terry Utecht about who to call for contracting this out. Jude suggested we get an estimate on what a contractor would charge to do the work.

**New Business**

**Ministry Fair:** Jude said that the Ministry Fair is scheduled for this coming weekend but nothing has been done to put it together. Mary Gleeson mentioned that last year's ministry fair took 6 weeks to organize and put together with a team. Jude suggested that because of the Stewardship drive with time and talent, she would rather see the Ministry Fair happen in February. John Hoener suggested it be tied in with the 50 Days of Ablaze after Easter. John pointed out the Ministry Fair needs to be done well to get a good response. Deb Willingham said that we should use the time and talent sheets to plug in people for the different ministries for now. She said that Brad will be putting together the results of the time and talent responses into a spreadsheet by the end of the week. Stephen Winkler suggested that we put the time and talent results into the new church software. Mark Sherak made a point that another church he attended uses the projector screen before, during, and after services to "advertise" needs, events, meetings, etc. It was pointed out that

Saturday and 8:00 AM Sunday services don't use the screen at all right now. Jude thought we should try to identify inactive members and send letters to them about the ministry fair. John Hoener said he will talk to Kevin Sage and see if they can get the youth to assist.

**Ministry Appreciation:** Jude thought that during the 40 Days of Community, it might be nice to take time and let people know they are appreciated for their efforts. She thought a Faithful Servant type award would be appropriate. Willa Bradshaw suggested that Celebration Sunday might be a good time for the appreciation awards. She is planning potluck of brats and hot dogs with a sign up sheet for salads and desserts with a theme of "Better Together". She asked that people send her ideas on how to show appreciation for each other.

**Resignations:**

**Stephen Winkler - Outside facilities coordinator.** Stephen said he will stay on until a replacement is found. He suggested that we consider replacing that position with a pool of 5 or 6 people who are handymen. That way list of tasks can be posted and they can be divided up among the group. John Hoener said it might be a good idea to pull aside the men after the Men's breakfast to tackle some of the tasks needed. Terry Utecht was offered up as a possible replacement. It was also suggested that Pastor Greg be asked about getting someone in the new members group involved.

**Deb Willingham - Financial Secretary** after serving for 10 years. She suggested Marge Drew as a replacement. Deb told the Council that she hasn't been able to do the job up to her standards lately. She said that she will do the end of the year statements, close out the books, and train her replacement.

**Debbie Ferguson - Nursery Coordinator.** Debbie has been running the nursery at the 10:30 service and now wants to teach Sunday school.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Margo Pasha said that she has not received that October bank statement yet and will e-mail her report when it is done. She said she will have the annual report ready for the voter's meeting and will be prepared to answer questions.

**Calendar**

- 40 Days of Community is running successfully and runs through November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The annual voter's meeting will be November 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM.
- The hanging of the greens will be on Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. This year food and beverages will be served downstairs after the greens have been hung.
- The Christmas party will be held on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- No Council meeting until January. This will be the start of Council reorganization.

**Open Concerns**

- Stephen Winkler said that he spoke to someone who was agitated by all the emphasis on small group activities in the church saying if he's already going to heaven, then why does he have to participate in all these extra activities? A discussion ensued with the Council concerning the great commission to go and spread the gospel to the world.
- Shepherds staff software. Deb Willingham asked whether the Shepherds staff software is up and running. She said right now it's password protected and she can't access it. She maintains that once it's up and running it should be a great asset to the church but asked why we spent the money if it's not usable.
- Jude said she has been informed that Milo Samson is going to propose at the voter's meeting that we use the \$26,000 from last year's road construction to hire and part time worker. Jude said she thought that those funds were already earmarked and spent. John Hoener said he was under the impression that that money had already been used last year to pay down the restricted funds. Since no one really knew the disposition, it was decided that Terry Utecht and Teresa Kennedy be contacted to find out what has happened to those funds. Margo will call Terry and Teresa.
- Jude said she will be out of town until Tuesday but will have the Annual Report published by the voter's meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Pastor has proposed that we hire a part time youth leader next year using a special collection each month for staffing.

### **Prayer Concerns**

Prayer concerns go out to:

- ❖ Terry Schelling – going through quadruple bypass heart surgery today. Shirley Holder – surgery
- ❖ M.J. Pirk – cataract surgery today.
- ❖ Pastor Ralph – M.J.'s brother in law passed away.
- ❖ Pray for the church, the church Council, and church staff

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. John Hoener closed in prayer.