

**HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH
SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING
APRIL 20, 2008
(Preliminary)**

Call to Order

Tim Boettcher, President, called the meeting to order. Thirty-five members were signed in to begin the meeting.

Opening Prayer

Rev. Greg Peters offered the opening prayer.

Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ken Price, second?. Motion approved.

Minutes Approval

Motion to approve the November 18, 2007 Minutes as presented was made by Linda Marsh, second Chris Saul. Motion approved.

Overview of Congregation

Tim Boettcher, President, gave an overview of the congregation. We have experienced good attendance for services. The Missions Committee has been formed. We will consider various facility improvements. Some members may have heard that a property swap on the east side of the property was being considered. The deal fell through. Some may have heard that a self storage facility may now be interested in this same area on the east side of the property. Many proposals have been made for land use on the east side of the property. Be assured that nothing will happen to the property without approval of the congregation. New Bylaws were approved at the November 18, 2007, Voters Meeting. A copy of the new Bylaws has been sent to the District office. We are waiting for District approval. Tim offered his sincere thank you to all that helped during Pastor Greg's absence to be with his ill Dad and later to attend funeral services for his Dad. These events occurred just prior to and during Easter. The assistance from all insured that all services ran smoothly during Pastor Greg's absence.

Pastoral Review

Pastor Greg thanked everyone that helped out during his Dad's illness and funeral prior to Easter and during Easter. Vacation Bible School will be held the last week of June this year. Equipping to Share workshop was held Saturday, April 19th, with over 40 members attending. Summer schedule will begin on Sunday, May 25. Saturday services will begin at 6:00 pm, Sunday early service will begin at 8:00 am, Sunday late service will begin at 9:15 am. Pastor Greg will leave 3 weeks from today on the China Mission trip. Pastor is the Facilitator/Coordinator for the 9 members of the team. Various cities, missions, early learning centers, English as a Second Language school will be visited, and some time for sight seeing are on the itinerary. Over \$9,000 has been raised for the China Mission Trip with \$8,000 from outside funding. Pastor Greg asked that the congregation continue to use the Mission envelopes in the envelope boxes to help fund additional missions opportunities.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Marsh, Treasurer, reported that contributions are \$3,000 ahead of budget. Actually, contributions are \$6,000 ahead when compared with the same time period last year. The China Mission trip is fully funded with funds left for additional mission opportunities. A question was asked why financial information is no longer published in the weekly Hot Line along with attendance figures. Linda said that she submits the information and will check to see why the financial information is not being published. A suggestion was made to provide copies of the monthly financial statements. The monthly financial

statements could be available at the Information Desk. Linda agreed to provide copies of the monthly financial statements.

2007 Annual Audit

Teresa Kennedy is out of town. Terry Utecht gave the report. Audit committee members were: Teresa Kennedy, President-elect; Jonathan Kennedy, Treasurer-elect; and Terry Utecht, member of congregation. The committee reviewed the books of Hosanna Lutheran Church and Hosanna Early Learning Center on Saturday, April 12, 2008. The monthly receipts, disbursements and appropriate financial statements were examined and the quarter end months were analyzed in detail. Audit Committee Findings: Weekly deposits were made and recorded in a timely manner. Check register, checks, written, bank reconciliations and the general ledger were reviewed with no inconsistencies. Payroll checks were written from employee time sheets or approved budgeted amounts. All payroll taxes were paid in a timely manner. All payroll reports were filed with appropriate authorities. Monthly Income Statements, Balance Sheets and General Ledger fairly represent the financial position of both entities. Early Learning Center: The passing of MJ Pirk caused a "bump in the road" for the Early Learning Center. Thank you for everyone that assisted during this difficult time. Savings Account is being charged \$10.00 per month in bank fees because of minimum balance requirements. Should this account be closed and funds transferred to the checking account? December records were not with the rest of the books. Everything else was done in a timely manner with no inconsistencies. Audit Committee Recommendations: Mortgage Balance on the books does not reflect the pay down in 2006 or 2007. An adjusting entry needs to be made for both years. The mortgage is now something less than \$800,000. Include a copy of the payment coupon for the mortgage with the check stub. Linda Marsh stated she does not have coupons but will request coupons. We could not find the source documents that should accompany the checks from the Early Learning Center for payroll taxes, etc. Linda said the documents are probably included with the church payroll documents. Payroll taxes were paid timely according to bank records, however could not find all State of Colorado reports. Need detailed report and a monthly detail printout. What is: LCEF Investments Other, Account #10020? Linda thought this may be an interest recording and/or housekeeping items. Should we close LCEF Steward Account #10030? Tim stated that this could be resolved at the next Council meeting. Pastor Greg asked that funds for the China Mission trip be transferred to the debit card he will be using in China.

Old Business

Capital Campaign Committee

Tim watched the video Catch the Vision that is a history of Hosanna Lutheran Church fourteen years ago. Tim is in the process of forming the Capital Campaign Committee. Please contact Tim regarding your service on this committee. A brainstorming meeting will be held Sunday, May 18th, after the late service to get ideas for projects and establish priorities. Funds will need to be raised since there are no monies in the 2008 budget for capital improvements. Some have suggested installation of an elevator, replace carpeting, air conditioner for the sanctuary, etc. Some monies have been contributed for the elevator fund in memory of MJ Pirk and there may be a small balance in the air conditioning account.

New Business

Missions Committee

Jude Donovan reported on Missions Committee activities and plans for the future. Mission volunteers have formed a team. Charley Powers, initial chairperson, Margo Pasha, secretary, Jerry Gerdes, financial coordinator, and Heidi Boettcher, communications facilitator. We participated in our first mission activity with 3 local churches on April 12th. We will investigate mission opportunities at the local, domestic, and international levels. We are committed to personal involvement of teams, rather than just financial donations. We have proclaimed September as Missions Month. In the near future, we will draft our

mission statement, entitle our team, develop our focus, set goals for the next 12-18 months, investigate mission opportunities, invite speakers to educate the congregation about missions, facilitate mission activities, and develop funding opportunities. The committee asks prayers for team members and individual involvement and that through mission activities relationships will be formed.

Tim explained that according to the Bylaws the formation of the Mission Committee needs approval from the congregation. Tim Boettcher made the motion to include the Mission Committee and have it added to the bylaws. A congregational vote will take place at the Annual Voters' Meeting, November, 2008.

Second, Margo Pasha. Motion approved.

Reports

Council is presently working under the new bylaws. Consistent, monthly reports are needed from all committees.

Community Concerns Committee is in need of a chairperson.

One of our current custodians, Cathy Turner, has asked to be replaced at the end of May, 2008.

Adjournment

Charley Powers made a motion to adjourn the semi-annual voters meeting. Second ?. Meeting adjourned.

Closing Prayer

Pastor Greg led the group singing the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Drew

Council of Ministries Secretary