

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Council Minutes February 12, 2009

Present: Leo Eliason (VP Business) Gery Gerst Jamie Huzinga
Marcia Kjesbu Lynn McCallum
Karen Olson Marcia Riggers (VP Programs)
Ron Tuvey, President

Ex-officio: Pastor John Rosenberg, Pastor Chuck Harris, Steve Peterson, administrator

Absent: Ralph Birmingham, Carolyn Wagner, Spike Millman

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Rm.114

Gather Together: Experience, scripture and prayer Reflections on where we have seen God this month. Scripture: Romans 5:1-11. "A devotional was led by Pastor Chuck. What word stands out for me? How do I hear these verses speaking to my life? What promise is there, challenge or opportunity to grow? We expressed reflections and thoughts on these words. Prayers were expressed for our world, community, and congregation.

Practice Accountability (Reports, etc.)

1. Pastor Chuck reported that caring community groups will be meeting March 8th.
2. Sixteen people are involved in the Journey of Faith with Pastor Chuck.
3. Missy will be learning about the role of fostering faith formation among all ages. Pastor John indicated young people need guidance when they are away from church setting in growing their faith.
4. The Church Council would appreciate monthly communication from Missy.
5. Pastor John reported that the Church-wide social statement on sexuality will be discussed at the Synod Assembly. Two resolutions or Memorials will be brought forth. One is to bless civil unions of gay and lesbian couples and the other is allowing gay ministers.
6. Leo reported that he, Steve Peterson and Bob Wubbena met with the directors of the Olympia Community School to see about possibility of renting the Christian Center.
7. January minutes were approved with corrections.
8. The leadership development skills discussion was suspended at Pastor Chuck's recommendation.

Implement our Mission and Goals:

As reported in January our giving for December was high, January was low, but giving for the first two weeks of February was improving. OSD funds are helping to make the mortgage payments.

Pastor Chuck asked that we adjust the portion of his salary that is recorded as housing allowance which is necessary for IRS reporting. Marcia Riggers moved we grant this request, Karen Olson 2nd. Motion carried.

Jamie will e-mail us the brainstorming minutes of the Stewardship meeting.

The RIC appreciates the Council's endorsement of its "welcoming all" statement.

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Pastor John and others have met with John Pence to discuss how to achieve our potential in living our mission and vision. Would it be worth it to hire Mr. Pence to help us achieve our vision? An outsider will see our church and our gifts and how to best move us to action.

The Council retreat will be hosted by Marcia Riggers at her house on February 28th from 8:30-12:30.

Gery Gerst will write a council article for the March Sheepskin.

The Council will be providing soup for the Lenten Supper on March 25th.

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord:

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 10, 2009

Closing The Lord's Prayer

COUNCIL MOTIONS

TOPIC	MOTION/ACTION	APPROVED	FAILED
Housing Allowance Adjustment	Marcia Riggers and Karen Olson moved that we adjust the portion of Pastor Chuck's salary reported as housing allowance, necessary for IRS reporting.	X	

Respectfully Submitted: Lynn McCallum

Attachments:

Financial Statement for January