

SAMMAMISH HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Meeting— May 18, 2010

Present Council Members

Beth Woodward, Scott Merritt, Cam Barsness, David Edson, Will Sappington, David Miles, Andy Tischafer, Sharon Sausville, Dean Barnett

Council members not present

Elliott Hoole, John LaMunyon

Guests

Tom Ryan (Business administrator),

Call to Order and Devotions

Beth called to order at 6:31

Approve/Modify Agenda

MSP

Approve Minutes of April Meeting

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President's Report

1. Saturday is cleanup day 8:30-3 pm.
2. Sunday is the volunteer appreciation lunch at 11:45 am
3. Leadership gathering June 1, 2010 at John's house at 6:30 pm
4. Congregational meeting to be discussed over email with the council, but is tentatively planned for June 13, 2010 at 11:45 in the fellowship hall.
5. Beth gave praise for the work that Kaitlin is doing on the Guatemala trip. So far the team has raised \$11,200 of the \$20,000 needed for the trip.

Lead Pastors report:

NA

Pastor of Worship and Outreach Report:

Synod Assembly report: we were missing 2 male delegates. In Washington State, out of 114 total congregations, 25 congregations are growing, 19 remain stable, and the rest are declining.

Treasurer's Report:

1. April offerings are \$6,000 below budget of \$80,000 and also continuing to be about 3% below last year. This makes us about \$25,000 below plan, 5% below last year and 10% below budgeted numbers for 2010.
2. Expenses are \$17,000 below budget YTD. Staff costs are about \$6,000 under budget, mostly due to FICA tax decreases by moving staffing to contract labor and people being gone on medical leave.

3. \$118,000 cash position in the general fund.
4. Through two weeks in May \$21,000 has been received in offering, and we need \$36,000 more.

Business Administrator's Report:

1. Of the 120 pledge cards received, those families show a 6.5% increase in giving over last year.
2. 5% behind in giving probably because of those that give in lump sum at specific times in the year.
3. Computer system servers haven't been updated in over 5-6 years. We are now working at close to capacity on the processing side and probably relatively close on data storage side. Need roughly \$15,000 + tax to replace the server. We have been gifted Windows 7 and Office 7 with the ability to go to windows 10. Three computers have the capacity to accept Windows 7, the rest will stay with Windows 2000. Andy offered to do the work on the weekends rather than pay for the cost of labor.
4. Tom is going to breakdown the costs so that people could get a visual itemized list. Dean's idea is that people can buy smaller pieces rather than being overwhelmed with the \$17,000 price tag.
5. Tom is going to have a roofer look at the fellowship hall. We need to look at getting ridge vents installed. This will come out of the building maintenance fund. We will open up the wall to the preschool in late June to look for mold. Total anticipated costs are \$15,000.
6. Update on Kim: seeing the doctor this week.

Old Business

1. Approval of \$2,000 to Grace Chinese Sammamish (this was originally approved at the March meeting).

New Business

Quarterly Temple Talk: Need to give an assessment of our standing to the congregation. Cam will do the temple talk on June 5th at both services.

Other Business:

Andy, Tom, David and Scott will meet to discuss the server and try to work on a plan for moving forward.

Adjourn – Lord's Prayer

Adjourned at 7:45 MSP