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Hosanna Lutheran Church Congregation
Council Meeting Minutes –
April 30, 2017 (Amended Sept. 23, 2017)

Present: Bill Schwertlich, Interim Pastor; Jon Evans, President; Betty Dove, Mission Focus/VP; Valerie Oden, Staff Support; Pam Wells, Spiritual Life; David Vroom, Lay Leadership; Pat Gibbons, Council Secretary; Jeff Hartmann, Stewardship; Sharon Lindquist, Care Team; Kathy Burns, Finance
Absent: Shonna Harden, Discipleship; Becky Wolf, Financial Secretary; Robert Brown, Treasurer

Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

Quorum: Quorum declared present.

Meeting Call to Order: Jon Evans called Meeting to order at 11:40 am in Conference Room.

Approval of Minutes: All meeting minutes were presented: 02-26-2017, 03-12-2017 and 04-02-2017. A motion by Pam Wells was made to accept all the presented meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Kathy Burns. Council approved.

Lawn Maintenance Proposal. Steve Bridges submitted a list of several proposals for lawn mowing at Hosanna. The best seems to be Augusta Landscaping bid. This lawn service has liability & Workers' Compensation coverages. Our other service had nothing.
Kathy Burns is concerned about the \$3000 loss each month thus far and now paying this higher cost for lawn service. Steve Bridges indicated that Bill King has been happy with this company as they are currently being used. They are not causing damages to sprinklers, etc.
After much discussion Kathy Burns motioned to "Take the Augusta Landscaping proposal and present to Congregation at next Congregational Meeting". David Vroom seconded the motion. More discussion was had. Valerie Oden asked to make sure termination verbiage in the contract. Steve Bridges will present at Congregational Meeting and ask for lawn care fund giving.
Council Approved.

Leadership Reports.

1. **President's Report** – Jon Evans only mentioned that no Vision discussion until next meeting. He also offered to help with using Google Drive to council members as needed. Pat Gibbons offered to write step by step instructions to post reports.
2. **Pastor Bill's Report** - Completion of confirmation on June 4, 2017 which both Shonna Harden & Pastor Bill assisted to complete. Call Committee has met 13 times. They have steadily and deliberately met at a good pace. Between 1/2 & 2/3 of MSP is completed. A progress poster will be shown in Narthex soon for Call Committee.

3. **Lay Leadership** - a team has finally been formed.
4. **Care Team** - working with Christie Hall to have a Health Fair. Council felt it was a good idea and should be pursued. Must make it clear we are not endorsing any of the vendors that attend. It was suggested that it be coordinated with perhaps flu shots, blood donations, etc. Sharon Lindquist suggested more advertising of Congregational Meetings to get good attendance.
5. **Staff Support** - Valerie Oden indicated the Hosanna positions will be sent to synod for posting as well as other churches. The Family Life & Youth Director will also be posted in Hosanna Happenings. After Caty Oden has performed the Office Administrator's position it has been discerned that the position can be done in 20 hours so position will be posted at 20 not 25 hours. Kelly Fontenot has not gone over 5 hours per week thus far in the paid bookkeeper position.
6. **Finance Team** - Kathy Burns asked all teams to reduce expenses if possible to offset lower monthly contributions coming in. Her report also contained a Call Committee budget. The budget acceptance as presented was motioned to be accepted by Valerie Oden and David Vroom seconded it. Council approved. Care Team offered to provide Call Committee meals to help with food expenses.
7. **Stewardship Team** - item 1 on R&R list is being worked on currently, that is, the roof repairs. Jeff Hartmann is still looking for a volunteer to run annual stewardship drive.

Reports were approved.

Slate of Candidates to Fill Council Position - David Vroom reported that the following were asked: (1) Stewardship - Brach Waldo as asked but has not given an answer; (2) Care Team - Bernie Brown was asked and is considering; (3) Discipleship - Mindy Williams has accepted and will finish the remaining period that Shonna Harden has left after her resignation; and (4) Spiritual Life - Christie Hall has been asked.

Once candidates asked have responded then Council will need approve per Jon Evans. He will send out a Doodle poll for best date.

David Vroom asked Jon Evans to move old job descriptions into archive file to help with some confusion between newly updated job descriptions.

Mission of the Month Restructuring Consideration - see the the proposal submitted by Nancy Agafitei attached. Motion by Jeff Hartmann to accept the proposal regarding change to mission of the month, seconded by Valerie Oden. Council approved.

Call Committee Update - Pr. Bill had provided some info previously under his report and added that the pastoral candidate that is being looked for is about 4-9 years experience which would hopefully have a young family to help us be more youth oriented.

Discussion about Vision for Hosanna - No discussion at this time, see earlier comment on subject by Jon Evans.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourned meeting at 1:20 pm with motion by David Vroom and seconded by Pam Wells. Acclamation approval.

Council prayed the Lord's Prayer together.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Gibbons, Council Secretary