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**Hosanna Lutheran Church Special Congregation
Council Meeting Minutes – June 4, 2017 at 12:00pm
Discuss & Finalize Any Edits To The Mission Site Profile (MSP)
In Conjunction With Call Committee**

Present from Council: Bill Schwertlich, Interim Pastor; Jon Evans, President; Betty Dove, Mission Focus/VP; David Vroom, Lay Leadership; Pat Gibbons, Council Secretary; Jeff Hartmann, Stewardship; Pam Wells, Spiritual Life; Sharon Lindquist, Care Team; Valerie Oden, Staff Support, Kathy Burns, Finance Team

Absent: Becky Wolf, Financial Secretary; Robert Brown, Treasurer;

Opening Prayer: Prayer by Pastor Bill Schwertlich

Meeting Call to Order: Jon Evans called Meeting to order at 12:00pm in Room 5.

Jon Evans opened - by sharing our sincere appreciation from the Council representing Hosanna at large to the Call Committee for their tremendous efforts in completing this MSP.

Susan Greer shared – the Call Committee (CC) met 16 times, putting in a lot of effort and prayer. The hope is that the MSP presented today reflects the thoughts of the Hosanna Congregation. An emphasis was made in the MSP that showed Hosanna may be a smaller congregation but it is a mighty congregation that makes a large contribution to its neighbors in the community and worldwide.

Once they have the Council input today then at the next CC meeting on Tuesday, June 6th they will discuss and make any needed modifications from today's meeting with Council.

Jon Evans - led the meeting by asking for comments from Council after reviewing each Section and sought comments from the Call Committee on questions that were asked. The MSP was shown to all visually through projection on a screen for better review. Below are questions and requested changes that were asked during this meeting:

- Part I, Demographics - Why does the Race/Ethnicity percentages add up to more than 100%? Susan Greer explained that online you are only able to use 5% increments thus rounding became an issue.
- Part II, Trends in the Community Context of the Congregation,–
 - Characteristics: Asked to modify the 4th paragraph from “Hispanics are the fastest growing.” to “Hispanics are the fastest growing **population.**”
 - Programs: It was felt that some of our important programs were missing such as our Covenants with Habit for Humanity, IHN, NAM and Lutherhill. Call Committee agreed to review and additional programs within the space limitations of this area.

- Goals: Remove the 1st sentence “There is currently no strategic plan in place.” Also, add: VBS, Eichenroht, Blood Drive, Garage sale, Habitat for Humanity, Citizenship Events, God’s Work, Our Hands, and Interfaith care Partners within this section.
- Partnership: Add “We are currently contributing 8.5% in benevolence to the synod.”
- Purpose: Suggested that it was important to emphasize the grassroots effort that took place in the Congregation to develop the Mission Statement and Guiding Principles.
 - Pat Gibbons was asked to share a statement regarding this as she was involved in leading this effort. She committed to supply by June 6th meeting.
- Mission: Remove “recognized as” from the 3rd sentence in this section.
- References: Change Gay Zimmerman’s status to Retired Cantor instead of “retired”
- Part III, The Leader We Seek -
 - Language Proficiencies - Much discussion ensued on Language proficiencies = English/Fluent but it was felt that we did not want to exclude candidates because they were not fluent in Spanish. Pastor Bill Schwertlich felt the interview would be a better time to delve into possible other languages. All agreed.
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 - Mutual Expectations, Please list five primary areas of activity....:
 - Modify B. from “Develop an active ministry for our youth and young adults in our congregation.” to “Develop an active ministry for our youth **(0-18 yrs)** and young adults in our congregation.”
 - Modify E. Add “Promote” to the beginning of this sentence.
 - Mutual Expectations, Please list the five primary ways that this congregation will support & encourage the rostered leader :
 - Modify D. Change sentence from “Provide a warm welcome into our congregation and an orientation plan.” to “Provide a warm welcome into our congregation and **provide** orientation plan **of Hosanna and the community.**”
- Part V, Commentary –
 - Modify first phrase in sentence by adding a “comma” after the word “vibrant”.
 - Change reference recommendations to: Matt Kindervater, Lutherhill and Becky Villereal, Interfaith. Of course, Susan Greer will ask them before finalizing these on the MSP.

Adjournment: Motion made by David Vroom to adjourn meeting. It was seconded by Kathy Burns. Council approved by acclamation. Meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm.

Council prayed the Lord’s Prayer together.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Gibbons, Council Secretary