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HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregational Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2017 (as amended Dec 17, 2017)

Call to Order

Jon Evans called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m. in the Hosanna Sanctuary.

Prayer

Pastor Bill Schwertlich offered opening prayer.

Declaration of a Quorum

Secretary Pat Gibbons advised a quorum was present with 51 members in attendance.

Approval of Congregational Meeting Minutes

Minutes for 05/21/2017 Congregational Meeting were presented to congregation by Jon Evans.

Nancy Agafitei called for a motion to approve minutes. Valerie Oden seconded the motion, it unanimously passed.

Hosanna Disaster Relief Fund Update - Jon Evans

Council met in Sept to adopt a fund

- The following 3 members of Hosanna will administer the fund: Richard Moehring, Heda Christ and Bart Darling.
 - They will develop the parameters for providing assistance and submit recommendations to Council for review, refinement and approval.
 - Determine how it is distributed & kept confidential so administrators do not know requestor's name as well as distribution method.
 - Robert Brown clarified that he funds currently are about \$6300. Funds contributed to this fund cannot be designated for specific individuals by the givers.
 - Gulf coast synod has its own campaign. Lutheran Disaster Relief has approximately \$5 million.

Staff Support Update - Valerie Oden, Staff Support Team Leader

- Monica Martin - Family Life only not education and no set days yet
- Kaye Pasquill - resignation as of Jan 1, 2018; we need a replacement for this position.

Fall Programming Update - Mindy Williams, Discipleship Team Lead, Monica Martin, Family Life Director and Sharon Lindquist, Care Team Lead

Discipleship and Family Director

- Preparing for Upcoming 2018 Youth Gathering - 8th through 12th graders
- Pics, updates on the board in Narthex
- Youth Instagram and Facebook pages
- Several classes 9:00 am at Library
- Oct. 21 - Trunk `r Treat > need candy, games, and food
- Dec 10 - Christmas caroling at Ella Springs and baking cookies
- Lock in - January 2018 for Youth

Care Team

- Oct 14 - Servants Day Quilting
- Oct 28 - Seniors Trip - HPD Horsebarn
- Nov 4 - Texas Thanksgiving
- Nov 12 - Advent Workshop
- Dec 3 - Crighton Theater - Senior Trip
- Dec 10 Senior Christmas Potluck

New Americans Initiative Update - Nancy Agafitei, Stewardship Coordinator

- Hurricane Harvey had an impact on the turn out for the New Americans Campaign workshop held at Hosanna on Sept. 30, 2017. Only 24 people showed up and 6 people had waivers.
- It is felt that many of the individuals are probably displaced & in temporary housing somewhere. So many probably can't spare the \$725 that is required to make the fill-ing with the federal government.
- The low attendance has been felt at other workshop locations as well so it is not just Hosanna.
- Nancy thanked the volunteers from Hosanna: Kathy Burns, Betty Dove, Bernie Brown, Susheela Beteet, Jon Evans and Pat Gibbons.
- President Jon Evans commented "that he is very proud of Hosanna's involvement with this initiative".

Call Committee Update - Susan Greer, Call Committee Chairperson

- forward progress is continuing to be made
- 10/18/2017 - there will be a mock interview with Pastor Thomas Peace Lutheran to prepare for upcoming pastoral candidate interviews.
- Due to continuing health issues Steve Bridges has decided to step down as alternate on the Call Committee. Call Committee agrees Steve needs to focus on his health problems to get well.

Council Retreat Update - Jon Evans, President

- Due to the Hurricane Harvey clean-up and needs that our community as well as several members of Hosanna it was felt that it was not appropriate to go to the Galveston Zion Retreat Center for a couple days of planning. Instead the Council held an abbreviated retreat at Hosanna from 9am - 3pm with a brief gathering at 8:30 am for some breakfast food to commune a bit before tackling the day's agenda.
- Interim Pastor Bill Schwertlich spoke on family systems theory and practice.
- Council discussed and listened regarding the subject of "Leadership in Changing Times". There was positive feedback on this from the participants.
- Kathy Burns explained the budget.
- Council teams were asked to present their dreams for Hosanna and their teams in the future.
- Appreciation was shared the Valerie Oden organized the food for the day.

Old Business - Jon Evans, President

- Bob Dejmaj - informed the attendees that Bates AC & heating had to be called to address an issue with the AC units on the south side. The choir room was not cooling down - a leak was found in an AC unit. The unit had to be recharged with old freon to replace the loss. Bates tried a new product that is supposed to seal the leak. The cost was \$1200. They also inserted dye into the system lines to determine if this really fixed the problem. Last comment was "say your prayers that it worked because otherwise it would cost about \$12,000 to replace."
- Steve thanked Bob for helping and plans on returning soon to resume his volunteer duties regarding the facilities needs.
- Lift station will be worked on and Brothers Electric will be coming to look at lighting issues.
- Keep the fire doors shut please as it is critical to meet the fire inspector's checklist for our safety. - Bill King reminded us.
- There have been issues with doors being left unlock or locked but not fully closed. This is our church home and we need to ensure we secure the facility before we leave whether it is Sunday or during the week. Keep the interior doors closed to assist with AC savings as previously mentioned. It helps us to to save because we otherwise are losing efficiency - Jon Evans reminded attendees.

- Next Saturday, Council will visit and connect with Ella Springs as was planned before but due to Hurricane Harvey and other conflicts we have had to defer it - noted Jon Evans.

New Business - Jon Evans, President

- Beth Chaney reminded us that she will be having the American Cancer Society and Hurricane Harvey Fundraiser on Oct 29, 2017 beginning at 1:30pm - funds raised remain here in Harris County. It is a freewill donation to attend and there will be food, education, silent auction and Chico's will provide certain Hosanna members with clothes to model that day. It will be fun and

For the Good of the Church - All

- Nancy Agafitei indicated that the surviving spouse of the Cypress Creek Church member who passed away shared a sincere thank you that Hosanna volunteered and provided for the funeral after the Cypress Creek Church was flooded and unable to use their facility after Hurricane Harvey for her husband's funeral service. She also sent a contribution to Hosanna for doing this kindness.
- Kathy Burns mentioned that the funeral attendees were commenting on how impressed they were with all Hosanna did and the friendliness of our volunteers from the church who helped.

Motion to Adjourn

At 12:26pm Jan Dietzman motioned we adjourn the meeting and Steve Bridges seconded the motion to adjourn.

It was unanimously approved.

Closing Prayer

Interim Pastor Bill Schwertlich led the Hosanna meeting attendees in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Pat Gibbons

Congregation Secretary