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Hosanna Lutheran Church Congregation Council Meeting Minutes -October 29 2017  
as Amended April 22, 2018

**Present:** Jon Evans, President; Betty Dove, Mission Focus/VP; Bill Schwertlich, Interim Pastor; Valerie Oden, Staff Support; Pat Gibbons, Council Secretary; Bernie Brown, Care Team, Mindy Williams, Discipleship Team; Kathy Burns, Finance Team

**Absent:** Becky Wolf, Financial Secretary; Robert Brown, Treasurer; David Vroom, Lay Leadership; Jeff Hartmann, Stewardship; Christy Hall, Spiritual Life

**Opening Prayer:** Jon Evans

**Quorum:** Quorum declared present.

**Meeting Call to Order:** Jon Evans called Meeting to order at 11:50 am in Classroom #5.

**Approval of Minutes** - No minutes were available from the Council Retreat. Christy Hall took minutes but have not submitted to Council Secretary yet.

#### **Leadership Reports.**

- A. **President's Report** - report was submitted for review and there was no further discussion needed.
- B. **Pastor Bill's Report** - focused on several items in his report
  - he will meet with Ken to set Confirmation studies forward; Ken starts it off with breakfast
  - he feels the confirmation materials are not as good as he had expected and wants to review it further
  - Sr. Anna Marie & Pr. Bill will meet Wednesday to plan worship for the next 6 weeks
  - Jon Evans reached out to Pr. Don Carlson and should hear from him today about supplying as pastor during some weeks in December
  - Pr. Bill is still connecting with a sound technologist to address feedback issue & need at Hosanna
  - Nueva Vision - needs to contact new person
- C. **Mission Focus Team** -
  - request to maintain the church sign - Josh Williams will do this for Hosanna
  - we need to draft a formal protocol to update the sign
  - letters for sign in the cabinet under mailboxes
- D. **Discipleship** -
  - VBS planning beginning and it will not be with Lutherhill staff
  - Mindy and Monica will make a recommendation regarding VBS program
- E. **Spiritual Life** -
  - there will be a team meeting on 11/05 at 8:30am

#### **F. Lay Leadership -**

- Finance job description needs completed
- Finance will discuss about what is needed to fill this position

#### **G. Care Team -**

- develop more of a rapport with Ella Springs
- need access code to gate entrance from Ella Springs to Hosanna on walkway
- need more people on Care Team
- would like to develop more contact with Ella Springs residents (adopt a resident), reach out to our sick at home and shut-ins.

#### **H. Staff Support -**

- working on some staff issues that need resolved
- implementation of staff reviews

#### **I. Finance Team -**

- good news is that the projected Call Committee pastoral candidate interviews were not \$3500 but instead between \$2200 - \$2300. Saved money on the cancellation booked for 3rd candidate because Lisa Richardson bought cancellation insurance with just a \$40 deductible to cover.
- Call Committee will meet on Wednesday to project costs to move pastor & family if candidate would accept for the 2018 Budget as well as Compensation level plus benefits.
- at the end of September we were down \$20,000 on cashflow.
- Finance needs to prepare the proposed overall budget for Council review.

#### **J. Stewardship Team -**

- Allison Brown has accepted the position as Lead of Stewardship Team; we still need to appoint her as lead on that team
- we will need a formal resignation from Jeff Hartmann
- Jeff will continue to shepherd Allison into her new role
- Nancy Agafitei will be on the team to head the Stewardship, R & R, and potential Endowment fund
- Ideal Impact has contacted Hosanna for a review of the program; once Allison is in the role she and Jeff can determine if they need to meet.
- Need a fill-in for the Facilities role on Stewardship while Steve is recuperating
- Jon Evan's will meet with Jeff & Allison next week after Pastor Bill's reception

**Call Committee** - requests a resolution by Council to allow the alternate on the Call Committee to vote for the pastoral candidate election. Counsel was sought from Bishop's office and they indicated that this action can be done. The alternate has been a very integral part of the entire process. A motion was presented by Kathy Burns that "the alternate be allowed to vote in the Call Committee decision to select a new pastor". Betty Dove seconded the motion and Council unanimously approved.

#### **Review Hosanna Relief Fund proposal -**

- it will be open to the community not just the congregation
  - deadline submission - quarterly deadline maybe - (more clarification is needed)
  - paperwork that shows the need (documentation request clarification is needed)
  - Care and Finance Teams need to be key participants in the process
- Gift cards and notes received will be delivered immediately to the congregation impacted by Hurricane Harvey and the volunteers who helped.

#### **Pastor Bill Schwertlich's Departure -**

- Certifications must be provided to the Bishop's office that financial commitments have been made to the Interim Pastor and that Congregational Records are complete.
- Council Secretary completes the Congregational Records certification
- Treasurer will certify all payments were made and are complete to Interim Pastor.
- keys must be returned
- Ken Loudermilk needs keys to access building and someone needs to monitor and distribute keys. Val will check with Caty for a key list.
- Pastor needed to leave at this point.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

- Congregational Meeting will be 12/17
- Blood Drive is also that day so Bernie will announce that it will start earlier
- 2018 Budget discussion needs to happen in a Council meeting in the near future. Some dates were bounced around and it was decided Jon would send council members a Doodle survey for the best dates for availability.
- A reception with cake and punch will be provided Nov. 5th for Pastor Schwertlich's and Kathleen's last day. Jon Evans & Council will acknowledge our appreciation of the service rendered by the Schwertlichs.

Jon Evans motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 pm and it was seconded by Kathy Burns. Unanimous acclamation by Council.

Council prayed the Lord's Prayer together.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Gibbons, Council Secretary