

## **SERVING GOD, CHANGING LIVES!**

### **Hosanna Lutheran Church Congregation Council Meeting Minutes January 18, 2015**

**Present:** Chad Greer, President; Heather McNeil, VP/Mission Focus; Ron Christ, Finance; Sue Loudermilk, Discipleship; Pam Wells, Spiritual Life; Maureen Kennedy, Staff Support; Jeff Hartmann, Stewardship; Karrie Jenkins, Secretary.

**Also Attending:** Becky Wolf and Robert Brown for Finance.

**Absent:** Pastor John, and Sharon Lindquist, Care Team.

**Quorum:** Quorum declared present (7) by Secretary Jenkins.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the previous council meeting held on November 18, 2014 were presented by Karrie Jenkins for approval. President Greer called for a motion to approve. Motion made by Pam Wells, seconded by Sue Loudermilk. Minutes approved.

**New Business:** Chad introduced Deputy Hudson of the Harris County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Hudson was present at the meeting per Pastor John's invitation, to discuss using Hosanna Church as a meeting place for the Law Enforcement Explorer Program. This program provides hands-on, realistic training in Law Enforcement with the Harris County Sheriff's Department. It is nationwide with Texas having the second largest program. The participants must be enrolled in school, 14-20 years old and completed a background check. There are always at least 2 adult leaders on site and they are insured. The participants are required to complete volunteer service hours and would be willing to complete some of those hours at Hosanna where needed. Deputy Hudson asked if Hosanna would allow them to meet in the church on Tuesday's from 3-5 p.m. They previously met at Memorial Baptist church and Westfield High School, but wanting to be more centrally located and WHS being so busy that time of day, they feel Hosanna would be an ideal location for them. Deputy Hudson agreed they would meet in the Fellowship Hall, but if ever there was a conflict for that space they would use any room Hosanna had available for them or use that time for their outdoor instruction. Following Council discussion Chad called for a motion to approve the Law Enforcement Explorer Program to use Hosanna Church as their meeting place. Motion made by Heather McNeil, seconded by Pam Wells, motion approved. Chad will follow up with Pastor John to discuss possibly providing Deputy Hudson with a key to the church and if a contract should be written up for insurance purposes.

**Pastor John's Report:** Due to illness Pastor John was unable to attend and present his report. His Annual Report has been submitted to the church office for the Hosanna Congregation Annual Meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Stewardship:** Ron Christ with the Finance Team is asking that the Stewardship Team provide a quality budget for this year as Finance has done this for the past two years. Jeff agreed to have the Stewardship Team prepare the budget for Stewardship.

Jeff presented the Stewardship Team report asking the Council to discuss using 14,000 dollars from the General Fund for the repair, resurfacing and restriping of the church parking lot. Finance reported 41,647 dollars cash available in General Fund at this time. In Council discussion it was decided it would

be better to do the parking lot now rather than having more repair expense in the future as the parking lot continues to wear from weather and could begin cracking, especially as we face the Sun exposure this summer. Becky Wolf asked if Stewardship was planning to do a walk-through of the church to evaluate what may need to be done for maintenance and upkeep. Jeff said not at this time because of financial cut backs, but they would do this if Finance would like a list. Robert Brown suggested a list prioritized to set timing and goals for future planning. Jeff agreed to solicit from Council and Stewardship "wants" and provide it in writing in the next 3-6 months with estimates of pricing. This list will be for capital type expenses, i.e. carpet, painting of the sanctuary, kitchen, etc. Chad called for a motion to use 14,000 dollars from General Fund for the parking lot with the understanding Stewardship Team will identify and prioritize capital projects around the building. Motion made by Jeff Hartmann, seconded by Heather McNeil. Motion passed with one opposed.

Jeff reported the Stewardship Team has looked into the purchase of a defibrillator for the church. The cost would be approximately 1,000 dollars and training for its use would be provided. Chad called for a motion to approve the purchase of a defibrillator. Pam Wells made the motion, Maureen Kennedy seconded, motion approved. Jeff said he will look into the possibility of funds for this purchase other than the General fund and Memorials.

**Staff Report:** Maureen reported Marquette Henderson will not be attending school this semester as planned. He was unable to enroll in the class he needs at this time. He will continue filling his position at Hosanna and drawing his salary. Staff Support will be meeting with Pastor John to discuss Marquette's future plans and will update Council at the next meeting.

**Mission Focus:** Heather reported the Mission Focus Team has been discussing inviting and welcoming again, members who we have not seen attending church for a long period. Pastor John has always made an effort to reach out to those who are not attending. Mission Focus would like to also visit with them. Heather asked if we are aware of anyone in this situation to let her know. Council agreed it is always good to continue to communicate. Mission Focus will be meeting and planning for our next Volunteer Service events.

**Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, February 8, 2015 in the sanctuary right after church. Agenda and Annual Reports will be available to the congregation one week in advance of meeting.

#### **Other Business**

**Signatures on Accounts at Amegy Bank:** Amegy Bank requires the minutes with approval by Hosanna Council be presented to them with any requests for bank signature changes and for their yearly updated information. President Greer called for a motion to approve/add and remove as signers for Hosanna Lutheran Church (located at 16526 Ella Blvd., Houston, Texas) the following:

**Add to Business Account Number 30090433:**

**Maureen Kennedy, Staff Support**

**Chad G. Greer, President**

**Ronald Christ, Finance**

**Karrie E. Jenkins, Council Secretary**

**Robert E. Brown, Finance**

**Remove from Business Account Number 30090433: Pat Gibbons and Nancy Agafitei**

**Motion to approve and delete signers as listed made by Pam Wells, seconded by Sue Loudermilk. Motion passed.**

At the request of Hosanna Finance Team, President Greer called for a motion to **remove George Posey from Account Number 30110531 African Initiative, and to add Karrie Jenkins Council Secretary as signer to this account. Motion made by Pam Wells, seconded by Heather McNeil. Motion passed.**

Chad will be sending out a sign-up sheet for the upcoming Lenten Soup Suppers.  
The next Council Meeting will be Sunday, March 1, 2015.

**Closing Prayer:**

The Council led by Chad Greer joined hands and prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Karrie Jenkins  
Council Secretary