

**HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2015**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Chad Greer in the Hosanna Sanctuary at 11:13 a.m. Chad opened the meeting with prayer.

Quorum

Karrie Jenkins advised a quorum was present with 47 members in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Karrie Jenkins presented the minutes of the previous meeting held on March 22, 2015 for approval. Chad Greer called for a motion to approve minutes. Motion made by Richard Dove, seconded by Pat Gibbons. Minutes approved.

2015 Estimate – Ron Christ, Finance

The mortgage debt in June is now below 230,000 dollars. We are in good shape to continue to reduce this debt. Ron thanked Pastor John, Jeff Hartmann and Jon Evans for their work towards this goal.

The General Fund at the beginning of the year was 42,000 dollars and at the end of May it is at 32,000 dollars. It was budgeted to be 8,000 dollars down. However this is still good considering the money that was used for the parking lot. More money will need to be spent on the parking lot in the fourth quarter but we are in good shape at this time. Ron said this is a good time to take a look at our General Fund giving and try to bring it up where needed.

Old Business

Finance – Audit 2013/2014

Ron thanked George Posey and the Audit Committee for the outstanding job they did completing the audit. The Finance Committee and Council have reviewed the audit. There was no misappropriation of funds or errors in bookkeeping.

New Business

Synod Assembly – Jeff Hartmann and Heather McNeil

Delegates Jeff and Heather are both out of town for this meeting. They will provide a written report.

Staff Support – Maureen Kennedy

An interview date has been set for June 29th for the position of Family Life Director. Staff Support feels this is a very good candidate and hopes to have the position filled by the beginning of August.

Election of Council Members – Chad Greer

Nominees for open Council positions are:

Yvette Martinez, Secretary

Beth Johnson, Discipleship

Jeff Hartmann, Stewardship

Lay Leadership is to remain open at this time for further discussion and possible changes in this position.

Chad Greer called for a motion to elect slate of nominees presented for Council.

Motion made by Bob DeJmal, seconded by Bill King. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.

Upcoming Events

Vacation Bible School – Sue Loudermilk

The Luther Hill travel team will be coming to Hosanna again this year for VBS. Sue said there are lots of opportunities for members of our congregation to support VBS and the team. There is a sign-up sheet provided for volunteers and also for registration in the narthex. It is free for all who would like to attend. Chad encouraged everyone to go out and invite others in our community to attend as well.

Mission Focus – Nancy Agafitei for Heather McNeil

God's Work our Hands, a dedicated day of service out in our community and in our church will be September 13th. Opportunities for participation will be forthcoming. Brach Waldo will order shirts for those who have not purchased theirs and would like to.

Through the Peggy Pilkington Memorial funds, banners will be made with Hosanna's Mission Statement and Guiding Principles on them. Ann Hartmann will design the banners for Hosanna.

New Website – Nancy Agafitei

Hosanna has a new website with the same address welcometohosanna.com. It is a good tool to introduce Hosanna to those who have never attended, letting them know what Hosanna is about. It also is very useful for members as it consists of Hosanna's schedules and planned events, and also via the website forms that are needed can also be obtained. The online directory is on the site as well. A password is needed to use the directory, but if a member's email address is in the directory a password can be easily obtained.

IHN Program – Nickie Brooks

IHN is still in place but is going through some major changes. Hosanna and other churches that participate will continue to provide food for IHN, but not housing. Hosanna will have one more rotation before this change takes place. There is a task force in place which is working to find housing. If anyone has ideas they would like to suggest they can do this through Nickie. IHN will be getting a storage unit to stock furniture that is donated for future IHN use.

Church Picnic

The Fall Church Picnic at this time is being discussed. Plans will be forthcoming.

For the Good of the Church – Everyone

Bob Dejmaj gave a warning to all to be aware of any calls they receive asking for money. He received such a call and was able to determine it was a scam. With a lot of this going on at this time we all need to be careful.

Pastor John thanked Nancy Agafitei and Sally Darling for all the work they have done on the new website and also thanked the Audit Team for all their work in completing the audit.

Pastor John also thanked the Burning with Faith Team for all that they have done for this campaign. He thanked them for a phenomenal job and said it was a smashing success.

Molly Elliott thanked everyone for all the help and support she and Jason received when their house flooded.

Chad Greer thanked the congregation for all of the giving and serving they do at Hosanna and for staying after church to participate in meetings.

Meeting closed with all joining hands and praying the Lord's Prayer.

Adjournment

Chad called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Dejmaj made the motion to adjourn, Pam Wells seconded, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Karrie Jenkins
Council Secretary