

Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2009

In attendance: Pastor John LaMunyon, Tom Ryan, John Knie, Jack Gaines, Beth Woodward, Kristine Meyer, Sharon Sausville, Pastor Will Sappington, Beth Woodward
Absent: Scott Merritt

1. Beth Woodward called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The agenda was set as presented. Time was taken for devotions.
2. Minutes from June Council meeting were approved.
3. Treasurer's Report –
 - ❖ Attached are the SHLC financial reports for and through April 2009. As I mentioned in the Council meeting this evening, April is the first time since the beginning of 2008 that both Spending Guide and prior year giving amounts have been exceeded. The \$76+k giving in April exceeded last year by \$5k and Spending Guide by \$9.5k. This month and March have gone a long way to improve the status of the Spending Guide and the churches cash position as we come up to the summer months when giving traditionally has dropped off. The projected giving for all of 2009 is now approximately \$751k while the original spending guide was \$804k. This difference of just over \$53k is, to the greatest degree, made up by the unallocated expense line of \$50k in the 2009 Spending Guide. If there are no unusual expenditures required and giving continues at the current level for the remainder of the year, the churches cash position will be nearly what it was at the end of 2008.
 - ❖ The Budget Detail Report shows no significant expense issues, although there are a few line items where it appears that either expenses have been incurred and paid prior to the anticipated date or expenses that have not been incurred when already budgeted in the Spending Guide. These appear to even out when looked at on an entire Spending Guide basis.
 - ❖ The Fund Balances report shows the General Fund to be just \$5k less than at the beginning of the year. This cash should provide a reasonable cushion for the summer months. The remainder of this report is for your information.

4. President's Report –

- ❖ Beth got an email from Kim. The wrong date went out in the newsletter for the Congregational Meeting. The correct date is June 28th.

5. Pastor's Report –

- ❖ Staff issues
 - looking for a new sexton
 - George is doing well and has some changes he would like to make
- ❖ Stewardship Strategy Plan
 - Talk about at next meeting
- ❖ Sabbatical Guidelines
 - They are written in the constitution and need to be reviewed to see if we need to make changes
- ❖ Sept. 13th –Rally Day
 - Rolph Jacobson will be preaching. He is a Old Testament/Psalms specialist
 - Every year we will bring in a teaching theologian
- ❖ Take 5
 - In the June newsletter families will be encouraged to “Take 5” on their own
 - Download daily devotionals from www.morovian.org

6. Pastor of Worship and Outreach

- ❖ Personnel Issues were discussed
- ❖ Worship Time Reflection Team summary and recommendation
 - See attached document
 - Council discussed changing worship times, Jack moved to accept the worship teams recommendation to change worship time to 9:00 am and 10:30 am and to dissolve the weekly evening service, Kristine seconded
 - Final evening service, Aug. 23rd, first service with changed worship times Sept. 6th

7. Old Business

- ❖ Constitution Revision
 - A final copy of the constitution needs to be mailed to the congregation 30 days prior the Congregational meeting, mail date of May 28th or earlier
 - John went through the revision document and we discussed various changes
 - ◆ See Discussion Document of Key Changes
- ❖ Sprinkler
 - Fire Prevention Rescue Group came out
 - ◆ All sprinkler heads need to be replaced, we are getting a second bid
- ❖ Residing preschool walls
 - \$7,600 bid looks good, but may need more \$ depending on what we find
 - An air quality test is being done

8. New Business

❖ Giving

- John will host a mixed gathering for people interested in giving towards needed renovation of the building

❖ Budget of Actuals: a graph that was in the newsletter

- Elliott suggested that the data be presented in a different form which would plot the information on a different scale
- This will be further discussed at the next meeting

9. Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 p.m. with a prayer for Pr. Will and John K.