

Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2007

In attendance: Pastor John LaMunyon, Tom Ryan, Sandy Dahl, Kevin Ostendorf,
Shana Tischaefter, Kent Selbrede

Absent:

1. Tom Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The agenda was set as presented.
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Pr. John offered devotions.
4. Minutes from May Council meeting. Kent moved to accept and Shana seconded. Motion carried.
5. Treasurer's Report –
 - a. Financials: Offerings down from last month, running about 10% ahead of last year.
 - b. Proposals: discussed option 2 – to reduce budget to the \$875,000 projected offering. Motion at congregational meeting we propose to return to 2006 level of benevolence and our plan to hold spending (Kent motioned, Shana seconded, motion passed).
 - i. Reducing benevolence from 15% to 11% of offering,
 - ii. Staff – no additions (nursery coordinator, lead Pr assistant). Proposed Administrative Assistant for Hospitality cut to ½ time starting in August (potential savings of 10k), with a realignment of duties.
 - iii. Eliminate \$4k from staff conferences
 - iv. Office expenses – reduce office supplies by \$1000 by closely managing expenses.
 - v. Reductions in faith formation ministries – inform the leaders their budget reduction and let them decide where to cut.
 - vi. Outreach ministries – proposed reduction of \$1500 in advertising. Do not want to cut as that is the advertising in Sammamish review, etc. Will reduce Outreach and Justice by \$2,000.
 - vii. Care ministries – reduce by 7,500 (5k of which was budgeted for deposits for next year (snow retreat, etc.), and reduction of first night dinners,
 - viii. Worship ministries – 4k reduction (choir, emergent worship, training, stewardship)
6. President's Report
 - Council vacancies – Carolyn has resigned due to personal reasons. Council will hold at 4 members for the rest of the year.

7. Pastor's Report –
 - a. Time off has been a blessing – opportunity to catch up on reading and shared books being read.
 - b. Fall – Pr John and Joy teaching on the prophet Jeremiah Sunday evenings, Lifeshapes conference, and working with cluster leaders. Pr. Will to start Alpha in January 2009.

8. Old Business
 - a. Additional request from Chinese Language ministry – Pr. Cheung to submit draft proposal for SHLC to be fiscal agent to Pr. John by July meeting.
 - b. Follow up on resolutions approved by congregation – Carla Berg and Mary Laferrier approached to be on the coffee shop committee.
 - c. Finance committee candidate/recommendations- Tom to make calls
 - d. July – leadership cluster on the 10th. Council meeting on the 17th, 6:30 at the Ryans.

9. New Business

Tom to type up agenda for mid-year Congregational meeting and send it out. Nominating committee- will take nominations from the floor at the Congregational meeting.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 9.30 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.