

**Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2007**

In attendance: Pastor John LaMunyon, Tom Ryan, Sandy Dahl, Kevin Ostendorf,  
Kent Selbrede, Harold Rehmer , Kathy Chadwick  
Absent: Shana Tischaefer

1. Tom Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. Pr. John offered devotions.
3. Tom moved for Kent to assume position of Vice President, Pr John seconded. Motion passed.
4. Kent nominated Harold and Kathy to fill the at large vacancies on council for the remainder of the year. Sandy seconded, nominations approved.
5. Agenda set as amended and approved.
6. Minutes from August Council meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes and the motion passed.
7. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Projected giving for 2007 is approximately \$20,000 short of Spending Guide
  - b. Projections - Removed \$52,000 from income as money from high school ministries will not be there. Reduced expenses in faith formation by \$52,000 so that the budget is not distorted.
  - c. General Fund is still overspent, budget reductions just starting to take affect.
8. President's Report
  - a. Finance committee – need more nominations for committee members
  - b. Nominating committee – according to Constitution, Pr. John is the chair. Council members rolling off council Shana & Harold will assist Pr. John in coming up with names.
  - c. Sandy's term of Treasurer ends in February, need a successor by January.
9. Pastor's Report
  - a. Pr. Will to take a stronger leadership role in the music for the 10:00 service and forming the team into a cluster.
  - b. Brelin in and out of hospital –dehydrated, doctors don't know the cause of the gastro intestinal problems. Hopefully, she will be back soon.
  - c. Leadership cluster October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the home of Paula Brown. Leadership training for additional clusters will be at Pr. John's house next week. Pr john to take 5 members to Phoenix for LifeShapes conference. Clusters launch in January.

- d. 3D Ministries scheduled for November 30 – December 1 at SHLC led by Rev. Mike Breen.
- e. Update on 2008 Africa Mission Trip – still in development, working with Habitat for Humanity. Need confirmation from Thrivent on financial support
- f. Spring/Winter 2008 Leadership retreat (Council, Staff, Ministry Guidance Team) – start a tradition for leadership to get away for a weekend of fellowship and development. In order to have Mike Breen lead the retreat, the retreat would need to be held in May.

#### 10. Old Business

- a. Chinese Language Outreach Ministry follow-up: We have the support of the ELCA.
- b. January resolutions: Book store /coffee shop and building committees, no interest/passion from the congregation. Will not pursue anymore and will bring it up at the January meeting that nothing was done due to lack of interest. Development of clusters in the home will help take pressure off the building.
- c. Finance – Tom has contacted six people. Paul G. has said yes, a few no, and waiting to hear back from others. Need 5-6 people to be on the committee and Tom needs more names of people with financial backgrounds.

#### 11. New Business

- a. Budget process started, budget sheets have gone out.
- b. Annual Congregational meeting scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Better attendance numbers, how do we measure success? What should we be telling the congregation? Financial info should not be in “What’s Happening” as that is Worship, is added in the newsletter. Where do we go with Stewardship?

#### 12. Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 p.m. with the Lord’s Prayer.