

Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2008

In attendance: Pastor John LaMunyon, Kevin Ostendorf, John Knie, Sean Boon, Kathy Chadwick, Scott Merritt, Beth Woodward, Sharon Sausville
Absent: Jack Gaines, Kristine Meyer, Tom Ryan

1. Beth Woodward called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. The agenda was set after the addition of a couple items.
2. Pastor John offered devotions. Assignment for next meeting is to find a Bible verse that speaks to you and is it due to God's gift or your desire.
3. Minutes from August Council meeting. A motion was made to accept and the motion approved. (Scott moved and Sharon seconded.)
4. Treasurer's Report – Giving for August was \$5,000 or 8% less than Guide but nearly \$2,000 more than August last year (five Sundays in August this year). The projection is approximately \$130,000 less than Guide and nearly \$100,000 less than last year. Net Income is \$3,500 better than Guide primarily due to Staff expense being \$8,500 less than Guide. Expenses related to Children's Ministries and Youth have been paid in August and additional payments will be made in September again putting the church in a tight financial position. The general fund is now \$18,000 negative.
5. President's Report – Learning curve for Beth and she appreciates the help and support.
6. Pastor's Report –
 - a. Personnel matters – Paula on sick leave this week and will check in with Pr. John next week. Working with support team to be more proactive.
 - b. Director of Student Ministries – update on candidate. Kaitlin is on board and will kick off youth programs in September.
 - c. 3D Ministries – Mike Breen's green card has arrived so we are on for the hub week. Pr. John having initial conversations with a pastor in San Diego regarding 3D ministries.
 - d. October council schedule
 - i. Leadership Cluster 10/7 – 6:30
 - ii. Council Meeting 10/14 – 6:30
 - iii. Council gathering with Mike on 10/23 (Kathy Chadwick) 7:00 – 9:00
 - iv. Council retreat 10/24 – 10/25
 - e. Fall Schedule – Pr. John shared his schedule for the fall.

7. Old Business

- a. Awning for East Entrance to Fellowship Hall – tabled until October meeting
- b. Discussion of Building Upgrades/Remodeling – John has a book on the strategic guide to church development and is available to read.
- c. Recycling – Paula checked and they would not give us another recycling bin but we can stack more. Paula to instruct Karl on how we can put out more recycling.
- d. Update on Tanzania team – to provide updates to the congregation on September 23rd. Goal is to come to council in October with their recommendations.

8. New Business

- a. Receipts – if someone donates items, the church will issue a receipt.

9. Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.