

**Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2009**

In attendance: John Knie, Beth Woodward, Kristine Meyer, Sharon Sausville, Will Sappington, Elliott Hoole

Absent: Pastor John LaMunyon, Tom Ryan, Kathy Chadwick, Jack Gaines, Scott Merritt

1. Beth Woodward called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The agenda was set as presented.
2. Pastor Will offered devotions.
3. Minutes from January Council meeting. A motion was made to accept and the motion approved. (Will moved and Sharon seconded.)
4. Treasurer's Report –
Giving continues to drop for the 2nd January in a row. This would have been the 3rd January, had it not been for 2 significant financial gifts in January 2007. Offerings are less than spending guide/plan by \$14k. The receipts side of the ledger is salvaged a bit by an annual facility use payment. Expenses are less than planned by \$10k primarily due to receipts for middle school events and not spending high school "Out" moneys as planned.

Discussion about report:

- *First Sunday in Feb. was similar in giving amount to Jan. offering #'s
- *First Sun in a month is usually 14K or more, then decrease for 2 Sundays then the last Sunday is usually better
- *Offering money coming in will impact what kind of hiring we do for Paula's job replacement
- *Tom will be talking to Hina Geise about what the job really entails

The net result is that net income is approximately \$1,200 ahead of spending guide as planned for the month.

The offerings number is of great concern and should be a topic of discussion as to a course of action if February does not show an improvement.

5. President's Report –

*Welcome Elliott Hoole

6. Pastor's Report (Pastor Will)

*John is doing well

*Yes, there is concern about offering amounts

7. Old Business

*Constitutional Revisions

-John Knie and Cathy Chadwick have met

-Working together and getting others advice

-One provision that is being looked at: # of people on council

- Treasurer does not have to be on council
- Yes, we do have the correct # on council based on constitution
- What is advantage to treasure not being on council?
- Do we want to change the # of members at large on council?
- Nominating committee? Should we have one for nominating council members?

*Worship times

-A committee has been formed to work with Pr. Will: Margo Mathre, Carla Berg, Andrew Garrett, Steve Woodward, Kristen Merritt

8. New Business

*Tom's term March 1-February 2010

-A motion was made to reelect Tom as treasure. Sharon moved, John K. seconded.

*A motion was made to elect Kristine as secretary. John moved and Elliott seconded.

*Hiring update

-Position will probably not be called office manager, but records specialist

Paula's last day is May 7th

We need to get a hiring committee together

*Fire Marshall Report: Jack will continue work with this and report in March

-Peter & Paula, Work order dated 10/2/08. There were two issues reported to the Fire Marshall from the inspection on 8/18/08. #1 is to replace the 120+ sprinkler heads that were recalled and ended 10/31/07. #2 recommended we replace the voice evacuation panel at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Status Report:

#1, I am working with the Fire Marshall's office to determine if we can replace the sprinkler heads ourselves with the over site of a representative of his office. The bid from Fire Protection Inc. is estimated at \$5,000.00. By doing the work ourselves, we may reduce this expense by half.

#2 Fire Protection Inc. bid to replace the voice evacuation panel is \$3,658.00. In the investigation process, I spoke to the tech that performed the inspection and he

thought the problem may be a power overload.

On 2/6/09, I called another fire protection company and met with Scott Allen of Detection Logic. To determine if the system could be repaired, We found the wiring to the batteries was reversed and causing the faulty reading when tested. It is now working properly, Cost of invoice being sent should be under \$200.00. I will keep you advised to the progress on the sprinkler heads.

***Giving**

Economy and job losses are affecting giving amounts

***Paul Anderson, Lutheran Counseling network**

We have not had space for him for a number of months, but he is going to be moving to the small space next to the nursery. This space will also be used for a church library.

9. Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.