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Eden Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes



January 11, 2012

Eden's Purpose: "To love God and all people in Jesus Christ, drawing others into a relationship with Him, working together to expand his reign of hope, justice and peace in our community and the world."

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Anderson at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Pastor Linda Brown, Dmitry Altshuller, Harvey Clark, Betty Jean Denham Joe Ludwig, Nancy Svete, Michelle Larsen, Derek Adkins and Lyle Hodgerson.

I. Preparation

- A. Welcome guests: Lino Castro
- B. Inspiration and Devotions: Opening Devotions from Pastor Brown
- C. Approval of the agenda as amended. MSC
- D. Approval of the council minutes as amended. MSC

II. Action

- A. President's Report – none given
- B. Pastor's Report – Accepted as given
Gave reading from guidebook for church leaders, copies will be ordered for council.
Handout given comparing church centered life in the 50's and current church life becoming a minority family actively.
- C. Monthly reports from standing committees
 1. Finance – Accepted as given
 2. Learning – Accepted as given
 3. Evangelism – Accepted (No motions approved)
Harvey discussed a need for advertisements for church events. Options included business card sized newspaper ad for \$450 and double business card sized for \$900, also use of Facebook page discussed. Harvey to follow-up with more information at February council meeting.
 4. Property – Accepted
Work day January 14. New sign for BIC church in process.
 5. Service/Fellowship– Accepted
 6. Stewardship – Accepted as given
Election of Synod Assembly voting delegates at January 15th congressional meeting.
 7. Worship and Music – Accepted as given
 8. Technology – oral report
 9. Policies and Procedures – oral report

D. Monthly reports from organizations

1. ELCW- Accepted
2. Eden Preschool- oral report
Pre-school alarm system is set for install on January 15 because the school will closed for Martin Luther King holiday. New office computer system will replace old system.
3. Helping Hands- Accepted as given

E. New Business

1. Alarm – Contract signed, fellowship alarm system has been installed. Balance of system install for school and choir room in process.
2. Newsletter – **Motion:** As of the February Messenger newsletter, 50 hardcopies will be produced, 25 to members requesting to continue receiving copies, 25 to be available in the narthex or church office. A link will be on our web site to download additional copies. MSC
3. Onsite records – a letter was received from Norma Mass concerning some difficulties she is having finding time to keep church records current with the limited time she has available on the church office computer. Pastor Linda and Steve will review the systems in place and work with Norma to keep church records current.
4. Synod Assembly Delegates – Election at the January 15th congressional meeting, agreement to increase pool of possible delegates to four church members.
5. Stephen Award – Discussion about increasing number of awards, agreement to stick with the original one award choice, Erv Seidel.
6. Registrar of Voters – Agreement to continue offering fellowship hall for elections
7. Evangelism & Learning – Items under their report
8. Constitution/Bylaws – Dmitry discussed possible Bylaw changes to allow email voting.
9. Mutual Ministry – Pastor Linda has appointed Steve Anderson, Ron Sinclair, Lyle Hodgerson, Cathy_Carlson, and_Emily Done as a support team to help her in her ministry.
10. Helping Hands gift cards – **Motion:** Purchase \$200 in Staples cards for Toni to have available for office /janitorial supplies and purchase \$200 in Home Depot cards for Erv/property use, to be replaced as needed. Money for gift cards to come from the general fund. Toni has a system in place to track and document card usage.

F. Continuing Business –

1. Memorials – Matching memorials given with donors and the original purpose of the gift. Discussions about rules about letting donors pick a particular project for their donation.

III

Information

1. Head Usher for February – Barbara Walters
2. Council Meeting – 2/08/2012 – 6:30 pm (Executive Committee at 6:00 pm)

IV. Closing

A. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

B. Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyle Hodgerson, Secretary