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Eden Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2011



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, Michelle Larsen, Joe Ludwig, Nancy Svete, and Lyle Hodgerson, Derek Adkins

I. Preparation

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

II. Action

- A. President's Report – none given
- B. Pastor's Report – Accepted as given
- C. Monthly reports from standing committees
 - 1. Finance – Accepted as amended, property tax billing is 14,000 less than 1400 normal.
Motion: Approval of current dated Eden fiscal policy, effective 11/9/2011. MSC
 - 2. Learning – Accepted as given
 - 3. Evangelism – No meeting
 - 4. Property – Accepted as given
 - 5. Service/Fellowship– Accepted as given
 - 6. Stewardship – Accepted as given
 - 7. Worship and Music – Accepted as amended, Caroling on December 18th.
 - 8. Technology – Accepted as given
Motion: Bob Frey to use SugarSync for cloud backup, \$49.99 yearly for 30 GB. MSC
Discussion about options for monthly bulletin, Email version versus mailed hard copy. Per spreadsheet given by Bob Frey, we could save over \$700 annually processing the smaller number of paper newsletters. Bob to do an insert polling the church membership for opinions and options. Tech committee will check in to Web site renewal date and future bill funding, Pastor Josh current billing source.
 - 9. Policies and Procedures – Oral report, written report available on web site.

- D. Monthly reports from organizations
 - 1. ELCW- Accepted as given
 - 2. EL Preschool- Accepted as given
 - 3. Helping Hands- Accepted as given
- E. New Business
 - 1. Discussion about how to best recognize and reward outstanding membership service.
 - 2. Budget for 2012
Motion: Giving for Belovence set at \$6000 for Synod and \$3000 for World Hunger. MSC
Motion: Budget approval for 2012 at \$240,371. MSC
 - 3. Missing Riverside County nonprofit tax exemption paperwork. Steve Anderson to hand deliver new completed paperwork to courthouse on 11/10/11.
 - 4. Holiday offerings –designated giving
Motion: Thanksgiving offering to Thursday Eden homeless feeding. MSC
Motion: Christmas offering to Riverside City Mission program. MSC
 - 5. Brothers in Christ church status – Approval of written contract with no changes, Research into new liability insurance is ongoing, Use of their rental income is still in the discussion stage, this income is not included in the 2012 Budget approved, we are seeking input on how to best use this additional income.
 - 6. Council office hours will restart this month. Please contact any council member if you ever have questions about church activities.
 - 7. We are seeking any detailed knowledge about designated Memorial Funds giving; it seems are missing a complete listing of Memorial Funds giving.
 - 8. Discussion about treatment of changes to committee minutes presented to council. It seems the best solution is to put the correction in committee minutes for the following month before being submitted to church council.
 - 9. Stephen Award – there will be research into guidelines and time frame for this award.
 - 10. Fellowship hall drapes – seeking a full listing of the donations to the funding for the new draperies. We wish to thank all parties for their efforts and contributions, spearheaded by the ladies of the ELCW.
- F. Continuing Business
 - Constitution revision – Dmitry is continuing to seek input for possible changes to constitution, volunteers include Kathy Carlson and Erla Roberts.

III. Information

- A. Head Usher for November – Derek Adkins
- B. Council Meeting – 12/14/11 – 6:30 pm (Executive Committee at 6:00 pm)

IV. Closing

- A. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.
- B. Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyle Hodgerson, Secretary