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Eden Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
December 14, 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 Joe Ludwig, Nancy Svete, and Lyle Hodgerson, Derek Adkins. Absent: Michelle Larsen

I. Preparation

- A. Welcome guests: None
- B. Inspiration: 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
- C. Monthly reports from standing committees
 - 1. Finance – Accepted as given
 - Motion:** Reward staff for exceptional service to Eden. Award Congregational Gifts of Appreciation of \$500 each to Pastor Linda Brown, Erv Seidel, Toni Douthitt and David Christensen. Funds to be paid from the general fund as soon as possible. MSC
 - Motion:** Approval of the updated contract for the Eden Cleaning Service effective January 1, 2012. MSC
 - Motion:** Create a new line item on the Provident financial report for the deposit of income from the Brothers in Christ church. Hold off using this income until we get a handle on what additional expenses will need to be paid for the use of the church facilities. MSC
 - 2. Learning – Accepted. Revised November 2, 2011 minutes submitted.
 - 3. Evangelism – No meeting
 - 4. Property – Accepted
 - 5. Service/Fellowship– Accepted
 - Motion:** Give a sheet cake to BIC for their first service on January 1st, 2012 as a welcome gift from Eden. Lino will check with grandmother and have a Spanish language greeting on the cake. MSC

6. Stewardship – Accepted
7. Worship and Music – Accepted. Reviewing options for blended service music, settings, choral Benediction. **Motion:** Approve the \$549.50 repair to the organ. MSC
8. Technology – None given
9. Policies and Procedures - Accepted

D. Monthly reports from organizations

1. ELCW- Accepted
2. EL Preschool- Accepted. We continue have the church campus invaded by homeless people, research is in progress for the best solution to this problem. An upgraded security system encompassing the Sunday school wing and the fellowship hall seem to be the best immediate solution.
3. Helping Hands- Accepted

E. New Business

1. Large print bulletins to include copies of church announcements
2. Annual meeting committee reports due to Toni by January 8th, so she has time to package them for the January 15th meeting.

F. Continuing Business

1. Stephen Award – this will be given at the annual congregational meeting on January 15, 2012.
2. Constitution revision – work in progress
3. We are still seeking a detailed listing of Memorial funds given, disbursed and their original purpose.
4. Council office hours seem to be working, feedback from congregation is encouraging
5. Meeting set with the BIC church Pastor to review alarm system and distribute keys. Their first service will be January 1st at 5:00 pm.

III. Information

- A. Head Usher for January – Nancy Svete
- B. Council Meeting – 1/11/2012 – 6:30 pm (Executive Committee at 6:00 pm)

IV. Closing

- A. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
- B. Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyle Hodgerson, Secretary