

**EDEN LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2011**

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

Members Present: Steve Anderson, Harvey Clark, Betty Jean Denham, Lyle Henderson, Michelle Larsen, Joe Ludwig, Nancy Svete, and Barbara Walters

Absent: Dmitry Altshuller (excused)

I. Preparation

- A. Prayers were requested for David Christensen who remains very ill, and Steve Andersen who will be having surgery on his shoulder September 23rd.

It was mentioned at this time that since David Christensen is unable to perform his organ duties, Debbie Harris is on vacation, and Steve Andersen will be undergoing surgery, there is a need for an Organ or piano p-layer. We have to start inquiring for a person to temporarily fill in for this Position.

- B. It was moved by Nancy Svete, Seconded by Lyle Hodgerson to approve the Agenda (Passed)

- C. It was moved by Betty Jean Denham, Seconded by Michelle Larsen, to accept the August Minutes (Passed)

II. Action

- A. President Report was not written. It was accepted as given.

- B. Monthly Reports from Standing Committees

1. Finance - The following motions were made by Finance:

Pay David Christensen his vacation his vacation days earned. Resume regular pay when he Returns. Seconded by Barbara Walters (Passed)

Use the earned interest income of \$126.66 from the Provident Scholarship CD plus \$971.49 / Gift from Elvera Elmlund to fund current scholarship for seven student applicants- amount to Be divided equally among them. Second by Lyle Hodgerson. (Passed)

Increase church secretary, Toni Douthitt's hours to 32 weekly at pay rate of \$10.00 hourly' And also add one week vacation time to be effective September 19th. Seconded by Harvey Clark. (Passed)

Motion made by Lyle Hodgerson, Seconded by Joe Ludwig to accept a five year lease for a V Xerox black and white printer (Passed) Steve Anderson abstained due to conflicting interest.

2. Learning - would like to see the Youth Group grow. Funds for youth activities in the amount of \$5,000.00 are available. Motion made by Harvey Clark to let the youth know that money will And can be provided for their activities. Seconded by Betty Jean Denhem. (Passed)

3. Evangelism - No meeting due to lack of attendance. This ministry needs more people to Participate.

4. Property - The condition of all the trees on Eden's property was examined by Ron Smith. Two Carob trees will be removed and eventually replaced with others. The sinkhole in the back Parking lot has been filled in.
5. Service/Fellowship - This ministry is also in need of more members as they need more help with various planned events.
6. Stewardship - Plans still in progress for a possible bingo and also selling Christmas wreaths
7. Worship and Music - Written report accepted. Harvey Clark suggested we use Setting Four in our service. It was decided we will wait until a new pastor is here and see what service is preferred.
8. Technology - Continues to work on our interest. Presently working to add on the Helping Hands ministry.
9. Policy and Procedures - Lyle Hodgerson reported that most ministries have turned in their copies. He submitted a form with suggestions on how to prepare one—"

C. Monthly Reports from Organizations

1. ELCW - Report accepted as given. Nancy Svete reminded us of the General Meeting To be held Saturday, September 17th.
2. Eden Preschool - Presently have 20 pupils enrolled. The school staff sent a Thank You Letter for the back to school luncheon we held for them. Dar is currently selling discount Cards. A back to school bar-b-que is being planned for September 23rd.
3. Helping Hands - The balance in their account is \$1168.00 -plus \$206.66 made from Marie Calendars. Profit from Script for 6 weeks is \$208.56. A gift of \$50.00 was given to Eden Preschool, and \$70.00 gift cards for the teachers.

D. New Business

1. All Ministries budgets should be in NOW
2. Council "office hours" is working; however, most people are addressing their concerns and/or Questions to Steve Anderson. We would like to remind everyone that other members of council are available and can be identified by their "RED COUNCIL MEMBER" badge. Please feel free to ask questions of any council member.
3. There is a replacement needed to fill the vacancy of a council member. Since Derek Atkins Has shown an interest, he will be contacted regarding this matter.
4. Letters have been sent to congregation members regarding our accepting Linda Brown as an Interim pastor. Information on her background will be provided at the congregational meeting September 25th.
5. An African American Independent Church has inquired about using our church for their Services and also use of the Bridal Room for a Bible study one night a week. Motion made by Harvey Clark, Seconded by Betty Jean Denham to accept negotiations for a contract with this group. (Passed)

E. Continuing Business

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1. Education Hour starts this Sunday, September 18th.
2. Bingo at Eden temporarily put on "back burner"4.

Work on website continues

III. Information

A. Head Usher for October is Betty Jean Denham. Traditionally usher training was conducted at first Council meeting. It has been suggested that this training be done on a Saturday and invite anyone who is able and willing to join us, because you do not have to be a council member to usher.

B. Upcoming Events

1. Congregational Meeting September 25th
2. Council Meeting, October 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Executive Committee at 6:00 p.m.

IV. Closing

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted

Barbara Walters