

MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregation Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2009

LEADER: Don Jimison, President
 COUNCIL PRESENT: Millie Elrod, Joanne Hamilton, Alice Hayes, Kelly Hays-Thorson, Don Jimison, Steve Philo, Pastor Jim Price, Kathy Ronningen, Will Wright, Mike Flesher and Mike Cummings.
 CHURCH MEMBERS: Approximately 76 members present
 MINUTES TAKEN BY: Alice Hayes

Agenda Item	Discussion / Action	Follow-Up
Call to Order	Don Jimison called the meeting to order at 10:55 am	
Opening Prayer	Pastor Jim opened with a prayer	
Nominating Committee	Don Jimison announced that Johnny Bodnar was unable to be on the Nominating Committee ballot and requested that his name be removed and Wendy Kister name be added. The other members on the ballot were: Millie Elrod, Alice Hayes, Marquita McKnight and Dave Townsend. There was a call to the floor for additional nominations with no response. Mike Cummings motioned to accept the five names who were the only nominations for the Nominating Committee. Kelly Hays-Thorson seconded. Passed.	
2010 Budget	Steve Philo reviewed the 2010 Church Budget with congregational member present. Many questions were discussed and answered. It was noted that there was an error under 'Office Staff Salaries' which was projected as \$19,219 when budgeted for \$27,500 with an increase to \$28,875 for 2010. The actual amount should have been closer to the budgeted amount. There was some discussion on increasing the funds for Worship Visitor Gifts since we have recently been giving out the gift bags. Jim Day motioned to increase the Worship Visitor Gift amount for 2010 to \$500. Mike Cummings seconded. There was discussion on the salary budget increases despite the 'no cost of living increase', Steve explained that this increase is to cover the cost of any merit increases and that it is only a budget and does not represent the actual amount that may be approved by the council. Many line items were explained as requested. There was discussion related to the 'local offering' which presently goes into the 'general fund' and not to ELCA. There was a recommendation to place more financial information into the weekly bulletin. After much discussion Mike Cummings motioned to approve the proposed 2010 budget with changes. Lenny seconded. Passed. It was noted that 3 members opposed the budget. In January we will be holding the stewardship drive if there is enough support to make changes to the budget the council can call another Congregational Meeting to vote on the changes to the budget.	
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 12:40PM	The Secretary will prepare minutes for approval at the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice Hayes
 Congregation Secretary
 12/13/09