

**MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Congregation Council Meeting Minutes**  
**October 20, 2009**

LEADER: Don Jimison, President  
PRESENT: Millie Elrod, Amy Conway, Joanne Hamilton, Alice Hayes, Kelly Hays-Thorson, Don Jimison, Steve Philo, Pastor Jim Price, Mike Cummings, Mike Flesher, Will Wright and Kathy Ronningen. Two guests were also present.

ABSENT: Naomi Gilbertson  
MINUTES TAKEN BY: Alice Hayes

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion / Action</b>	<b>Follow-Up</b>
Call to Order	Don Jimison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.	
Devotions and Opening Prayer	Pastor Jim opened with a prayer and Millie Elrod offered the devotions.	
Additions to the Agenda	Add under new business the following: #7 Chamber of Commerce, #8 Trinity Lutheran Seminary, #9 USA Dance and #10 LCMC.	
Adoption of Agenda	Motion by Mike Cummings to adopt agenda with additions, second by Joanne Hamilton. Passed.	
Consent Agenda	Steve discussed the General Fund Donation & Expense for 2009 noting that under budget on expenses there is no youth director expense. Mike Cummings questioned our income vs. our open positions. Motion by Mike Cummings to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Millie Elrod. Passed.	This will be further discussed at the council retreat.
<b>Unfinished Business:</b> <i>2009 Audit Action Plan</i>	Steve Philo reviewed the 2009 Action Plan which demonstrates the items as in progress. Items still to be completed are: Payroll and tax records, Fixed Assets, Annual Audit and Insurance. Each committee will be assigned to list large item cost. The inventory lists are due the end of November. Don and Millie need to review the Insurance binder.	Steve will update the council as items are completed.
<i>Respite House</i>	Respite house reopened on 10/05/09 with one returning client. Presently it is open Monday through Friday 8AM-2:30 PM. It is staffed by one paid interagency staff and 9 volunteers. This is not sufficiently utilized to cover costs. Prior to its reopening we received no rent for at least 6 months. A motion was made by Kelly Hays-Thorson to wave the \$350 monthly rent for the next 3 months, seconded by Alice Hayes. Passed	Mike Cummings to notify Interagency of our action.
<i>Personnel Update</i>	The Youth Director Job Description is being developed by Jim Day. The position will be posted on our website and advertized.	Pastor to keep us updated.
<i>Council Retreat</i>	The Council Retreat will be held on Saturday October 24 <sup>th</sup> at Grace Episcopal Church at 8:30AM. Sandwiches have been ordered for lunch. Council Members are asked to bring their Council Training Book from our last retreat along with a copy of the constitution. The entrance to the church is off Bunker. We should finish after a short service at about 3PM.	Don to bring Paul's book for Will.
<i>Food Bank.</i>	The food bank has requested 300 cans of vegetables for Thanksgiving meals. This will be posted in the Olive Branch and bulletin.	
<b>New Business:</b> <i>Anita Carnahan-Accounting</i>	We received a letter from Anita Carnahan with a proposal for Accounting Services.	Steve will contact her to obtain her proposal.
<i>Gem and Mineral</i>	Gem and Mineral requested the use of the parish Center on 12/13 which conflicts with the Sunday School Program. Mike Cummings made a motion to allow substitution for another date for December since they have no meeting in November, seconded by Steve Philo. Passed	Don Jimison to contact Gem and Mineral and inform them of the conflict.
<i>2010 Budget</i>	The 2010 Budget will be discussed at Saturday's retreat.	Steve Philo to present to council

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<i>Boy Scout Fundraiser</i>	There are two boys from the scout troop invited to the National Jamboree in Virginia. They will need to have fundraising to enable them to participate. We will ask Everett Dewey to provide us with more information for November's meeting.	
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	Tiger Scouts of Pack 55 have requested a place to hold monthly meetings. They need only a small space as they presently have 5 registered boys. Mike Cummings motioned to allow the cub scouts to hold their weekly meetings her pending that the space is available, seconded by Amy Conway. Passed	Don to notify the cub scouts pending availability on the calendar.
<i>Trudy Stemich</i>	Trudy requested use of the Parish Center on 11/28/09 for a baby shower. Steve motioned to approve the use of the Parish Center to Trudy and Mike Flesher seconded. There was discussion that she is responsible for the clean-up which is documented in her letter of request. Mike Cummings then motioned to allow use of the Parish Center as long as it was cleaned up after the event or she paid for the cleaning, seconded by Kathy Ronningen. Passed.  It was noted that we need to develop an agreement for members for the use of the Parish Center.	
<i>Chamber of Commerce</i>	Renewal of membership is budgeted annually.	Steve Philo to pay for renewal.
<i>Trinity Lutheran Seminary</i>	The Seminary has requested monetary support. We will continue to support students from our church who wish to attend the seminary.	
<i>USA Dance</i>	USA Dance is having a Halloween Costume Ball October 31 <sup>st</sup> from 7P-10P in the Parish Center and has supplied the council with free tickets to those who would like to attend.	Don handed out 2 tickets to each member.
<i>LCMC</i>	LCMC is an alternative organization for churches who wish to leave the ELCA. The LCMC was discussed with the handouts. The council then voted to join the LCMC or stay with ELCA. There will be members that will be unhappy with either choice but the council needs to make a recommendation. There will be a forum after the 9:30AM service on 11/1/09 to discuss the human sexuality issues with our congregation and a special congregational meeting on 11/15/09 after the 9:30AM service to vote to remain with ELCA or join LCMC.	Pastor to deliver the results of tonight's vote to the council during the retreat.  There will be notification in the Olive Branch to all members.
Discussion	There was no further discussion.	
Questions from the Floor	No Questions from the floor	
Lord's Prayer		
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.	The Secretary will prepare minutes for approval at the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice Hayes  
 Congregation Secretary  
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