

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of East Bethel**  
**19001 Jackson Street NE**  
**East Bethel, MN 55011**

Thursday, June 14, 2009  
Unapproved Council Minutes  
*To be Approved at the next meeting of the Council*

**Members Present:** Sheri Bachman, Sue Liemohn, Katie Kohler, Derick Lien, Sandy Backerud, Becky Beck, Sherry Allenspach, Pastor Dan Nordin, Mike Roark, Dan Despen, Ron Thomsen, Pastor Maria Pederson, Jim Bermel, Patrick Bresnahan, Lee Granquist, Ben Bjornson, Pastor Brian Fragodt, Susan Fanucci, Tom Olson

**Members Excused:**

**Guests Present:** Kay Carlson, Cindy Delmonico

**Secretary's Report:** Tom Olson

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the April meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Team Reports:**

1. MRT:

- Mike Baker will coordinate ongoing monthly stewardship messages to the congregation.
- Pastor Maria will be reviewing the KLW materials for consistent theology.
- A sermon series on stewardship will begin October 25 and last through November 22, 2009.
- Online giving option will be included in the new website launch in June.

3. Finance:

- May income was \$91,554 for expenses of \$99,119.
- The goal to double the reserve has been reached.
- Based on current projections, the reserve fund will be depleted in June.
- A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
- The special task force has implemented several cost-saving and revenue-supporting measures. These have been outlined in a letter to the congregation.

4. Small Groups

- A fundraiser is being planned to raise funds for Faith Formation.
- Bible study "Adult Crossings" is being planned
- Theresa Matson will lead a new bible study
- SummerStock planning continues.

5. Old church
  - Further deterioration is being seen in the wood under the floor, including carpenter ants. Lee will provide more detailed information as it becomes available.
5. Preschool:
  - The preschool report annual summary was distributed to council.
6. Worship and Music:
  - The team wants to look into the possibility of paying for substitute musicians for services at the chapel from the old church funds instead of the general fund.
7. Human Resources
  - Al Beck is moving from the endowment committee. A Motion was made and seconded to place Al Beck on the HR team. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

1. Conversation with council:
  - June 14 and 15. Susan and Sherry will be there.
2. Call Committee Update:
  - The team consists of Kelley Welf, Hannah Green, Pastor Brian, Tom Olson, Kathy Matson, and Karin Small.
3. Mortgage modification/letter
  - A letter has been sent to the congregation outlining the steps taken to reduce the economic shortfall and asking the congregation for support.
  - A motion was made and seconded to modify our current mortgage to have the option to pay interest only for the next 6 months. The loan will re-amortize next July. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. Mail
2. Council member training
3. Election of Officers
  - President: Tom Olson
  - Vice President: Ron Thomsen
  - Secretary: Sherry Allenspach
  - Treasurer: Jim Bermel
4. Council member team liaison assignments:
  - Tom will have everyone assigned by the next meeting.

5. Council contact information update

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 6:30 PM

- Snacks: Ben Bjornson
- Devotions: Mike Roark

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Olson