

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

Thursday, May 14, 2009  
Council Minutes

**Members Present:** Jim Bermel, Pastor Maria Pederson, Greg Matson, Lee Granquist, Becky Beck, Sheri Bachman, Sherry Allenspach, Hannah Green, Gary Kortemeier, Ben Bjornson, Dan Despen, Ron Thomsen, Pastor Brian Fragodt, Patrick Bresnahan, Tom Olson

**Members Excused:** Sandy Backerud, Pastor Dan Nordin

**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.

**Giving to God study:**

- The major topics of the book were discussed.

**Team Reports:**

1. MRT:

- Next MRT meeting is May 28 @ 6:30
- Summer letter will go out to encourage advance giving for the summer.

2. Evangelism:

- T-Shirts are available to help advertise for SummerStock.

3. Finance:

- April income was \$113,303 for expenses of \$111,056.
- The reserve fund is now at \$62,100. Our goal is to reach \$70,000.
- We are trending very significantly under budget year-to-date.
- Motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
- A small group from among the council members is being formed to address the shortage issue. An announcement will be made on Sunday demonstrating the current need for giving.

4. Small Groups

- Discussion of "The Shack" will be led by Pastor Brian on Sunday May 17 and Wednesday May 20.

5. Preschool:

- The preschool report was circulated to council

6. Other:

- On May 27 at 6:30 Pastor Maria will lead a discussion of the proposed ELCA statement on human sexuality.

**Old Business:**

1. Conversation with council:

- Tabled to the June meeting

2. Call Committee Update:

- There will be a call committee formed by the end of May.

3. Replacement for HR team

- Al Beck will be asked to fill the current vacancy on the HR team.

4. Congregational Meeting

- Meeting will be held Sunday May 17 to approve constitutional changes.

5. Scrip audit update

- A group has been reviewing procedures and accounting for scrip sales.

6. Fire Pit presentation

- A motion was made and seconded to approve Alex Welf's proposal to construct a fire pit on the property as an Eagle Scout project. This proposal has already received the approval of the garden team. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. Mail:

- SOR benevolence fund request was received from the Special Olympics. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$250 to Special Olympics from the remaining balance in the SOR benevolence fund. Motion carried.

2. Council member installation:

- Installation of council members will be Sunday, June 7 at all services 8:30 and 10:00. We will also have a service Monday night.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 6:30 PM

- Snacks: Sherry A
- Devotions: Becky

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Olson