

**Seeds of Faith Council Regular Meeting  
July 27, 2008  
First Lutheran Church, La Crosse, Kansas**

Council members present: Sharon Custer (Emmanuel); Mark Baus and Raymond Georg (First); Karlene Buechman (Garfield); Penny Riedel and Wes Hemken (Hope); Jerry Dirks and Stan Ewy (Peace).

Others present: Pastor Steve, Pastor Maggie, and Vicar David; members of the Call Committee

President Jerry Dirks called the meeting to order at 3:03 P.M.

Pastor Steve gave the opening devotions.

Stan moved that the council go into executive session to discuss synod and personnel issues. Karlene seconded the motion. It carried and the council went into executive session at 3:10 P.M.

At 4:55 p.m. the council returned to open meeting.

Mark moved that Pastor Little be directed to contact the synod with the following proposition to be responded to within two weeks from the date of this meeting: Although, Vicar David will need to move out of the Peace parsonage on September 30, SOF is willing to extend Vicar David's service at SOF though December 31 and pay his salary for those three months if the synod would pay his insurance and housing costs. The motion was seconded and carried.

A recess was taken until 5:15 P.M.

The minutes of the last meeting (June 1, 2008) were approved.

In the absence of the treasurer, Penny passed out his report. Discussion revolved around the fact that **SOF is over budget at this point**. The report was received subject to the annual audit.

Pastor Steve gave us a handout with his report for the months of June and July. He specifically mentioned that young people attending the Youth Gathering in 2009 will need to give him information and a non-refundable \$100 deposit no later than September 9. He plans to have a meeting with worship leaders from each congregation to plan the upcoming church year.

Vicar David also gave us a handout with his report for June.

**The newly-formed Activity Committee had a meeting on July 22 to brainstorm.** The council was given a summary of the ideas discussed. While the parish council does not need to approve every activity, they should be kept in the loop.

Ted Byrum, SOF council member from Garfield, is moving from the community and will be replaced by Chuck Buechman. Ted was vice president of SOF, but after determining that the covenant does not mention electing a vice president, no replacement was named.

Because the budget committee is to present a working draft budget to the council at our September meeting, Jerry asked that the committee **e-mail a copy of the draft budget to members a week or more prior to the meeting so it can be reviewed before we meet.**

Raymond moved that we **increase the mileage rate paid for travel to the current IRS rate of 58.5¢ per mile.** The motion was seconded and carried.

By consensus, the council agreed to **ask for a voluntary 6% increase in monthly payments by each congregation beginning in September.** Council members are asked to take that request back to the congregation councils.

The **next meeting is at 3:00 P.M. on September 28, 2008, at Garfield.**

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 6:43 P.M.

Sharon Custer, Secretary