

**Seeds of Faith Council Regular Meeting
September 28, 2008
Garfield Lutheran Church, Garfield, Kansas**

Council members present: Sharon Custer (Emmanuel); Rhonda Templing (Emmanuel); Chuck Buechman (Garfield); Penny Riedel (Hope); Wes Hemken (Hope); Jerry Dirks (Peace); Stan Ewy (Peace).

Others present: Pastor Steve, Pastor Maggie, Vicar David; Art Riedel, Treasurer; one visitor

President Jerry Dirks called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M.

Pastor Steve gave the opening devotions.

The minutes of the July 27 regular meeting and the September 6 special meeting were presented and approved.

The treasurer's report was received subject to the annual audit.

Council members suggested names of potential audit committee members. Council members are to contact potential members from their own congregations and report to Jerry. The council gave Jerry permission to appoint to the committee those who are willing to serve.

Pastor Little distributed his written report; Vicar David gave a verbal report.

The Activity Committee is planning to have a choir for the Rush County Reformation Festival.

The Call Committee has received a candidate's mobility papers. The committee has a meeting this evening and will soon be conducting a telephone interview with the candidate.

A Bylaws Committee of Pastor Steve, Stan Ewy, Rhonda Templing, and Chuck Buechman was appointed. Pastor Steve will chair the committee.

The proposed budget for 2009 was discussed. After discussion, the following changes were made to the budget proposed by the budget committee: decreased the amount for supply pastors and increased the amount for mileage to include mileage for all SOF paid staff. The budget is ready to be distributed to the individual congregations for their input.

The council requests that each congregation affirm that Section VII. E. of the covenant (The Shared Ministry budget will cover the expenses for supply pastors and interim pastors as needed.) means that the parish council will determine whether supply pastors are needed. The council further directed Pastor Steve to not arrange for supply pastors. Whether to use a supply pastor or a lay minister when a pastor will be absent will be a decision of each individual congregation; and payment for such services, if any, will be paid by the individual congregation and NOT reimbursed by Seeds of Faith.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting is at 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 23, 2008, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Hoisington, Kansas.

Sharon Custer, Secretary
(to be approved at the 11/23/08 meeting)