

**Seeds of Faith Shared Ministry Council  
August 7, 2009 Emmanuel, Hoisington**

**Council members present:**

Wes Hemken (H), Penny Riedel (H), Rhonda Templing (E), Lisa Stanbaugh (E), Ken Wiltse (P), Mark Baus (F), Raymond Georg (F), Pastor Steve Little, Pastor Patricia Reep

**Others present:**

Art Riedel, Treasurer

President Rhonda Templing called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Pastor Patricia opened with devotions.

Rhonda gave an overview of the budget discussion from the SOF Council meeting held on 8/2/09 at Hope. With five (5) months left in the budget year, there is concern regarding mileage. There is a need to reduce this effective immediately. Factors looked at to help with this reduction that the SOF council agreed upon were:

Paying mileage for: church services; travel for visitations; travel to council meetings; reducing mileage payments from 55¢ to 40¢; implementing a standardized mileage from the churches

Not paying for: text study trips; staff meetings (encouraged to do by phone, email, web cam); social and community events

Discussion on these were held, ending with the Pastors offering for the remainder of the year:

Pastor Steve: Accepting 20¢ a mile with SOF paying for oil changes and tire replacement as needed.

Pastor Patricia agreed to the reduction of 40¢ a mile and also taking the funds from the professional expense area and putting it toward the mileage

This compromise was agreeable to all voting members present.

Regarding the 2010 budget:

Salaries: would be frozen at the current level.

Mileage: the Pastor's prefer to work within a set amount each month.

Placing current budget items Continuing Education and Professional Expense into one (1) category labeled "Professional Expense".

Discussion was held on the need to talk to individual councils about the budget.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 pm with the reciting of the Lord's Prayer.

**Reminder: Next Regular Meeting date: September 6<sup>th</sup> at First at 3 pm.** *It was decided that the first Sunday of the month will be the meeting time in order to insure continuity.*

Penny Riedel, Secretary