

**Seeds of Faith Shared Ministry Council
September 6, 2009 First - LaCrosse**

Council members present:

Penny Riedel (H), Rhonda Templing (E), Stan Evey (P), Ken Wiltse (P), Pastor Patricia Reep, Representatives for First: Ann Parker and Judy Morgan

Others present:

Art Riedel, Treasurer

President Rhonda Templing called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Pastor Patricia opened with a prayer.

Minutes were presented. Corrections from 8/2/09 meeting were the starting time for 9/6/09 meeting. It should have read 3:30 pm. With that notation, minutes were approved. Reports were given by the Treasurer and Pastor Reep. Treasure's report received subject to annual audit.

Highlights of Pastors' report:

First Communion sessions and Confirmation classes starting.

Old Business Discussed:

Bylaws committee

Rhonda passed out the revised bylaws information. This information should go to individual councils for discussion/approval. Feedback needs to be given no later than the November SOF council meeting.

Activities Committee: A bingo night will be held at Peace on Sept. 19th at 7 p.m..

Audit committee: Members include Kara Renz (H); Ann Parker (F), Mandie Wiltse (P) also chairperson. Emmanuel's member is Kelly Doedon.

2010 Budget: Discussion on continuing education/professional expenses – Pastor Reep indicated having it in 2 separate categories assisted with pastoral yearly reports to the Synod office. Mileage issues were discussed at length. Mileage will be paid at 40 cents a mile for the upcoming year. Giving units were confirmed at Emmanuel 53, First 17, Hope 35, Peace 50. *(Penny indicated the minutes need to reflect that the March 15, 2009 minutes were incorrect as it listed Emmanuel's giving units to be 50 due to a typographical error.)* Art will email updated versions of the budget to council members in order for individual church councils to discuss. Any concerns/issues need to be presented by the November SOF council meeting. Art did indicate it looks like there will be a "cushion of funds" at the end of this year and possibly next year.

Congregational pictures: Pastor Reep stated Olan Mills will doing a "flip directory" for SOF churches. People can go to any location for photos. There is no cost for the directory photos, but additional photos can be purchased.

First – Oct. 8th from 3 to 9:30 pm;

Peace, Oct. 23rd from 3 to 9:30 pm;

Emmanuel, Oct. 24th from 11 to 5 pm.

New Business

Copyright issues: Ken brought up the concern of music copyright issues. Rhonda will check into this further and report back.

Annual meeting dates: The question came up as to dates for the 2010 annual meetings. It was thought Peace, Emmanuel and Hope all have annual meetings set for the 3rd Sunday of January. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

Next Regular Meeting date: October 4th at Emmanuel at 1:30 pm (Due to confirmation, it was decided to move the meeting time forward to accommodate this.) As a reminder – it was decided at the Sept 2009 meeting to hold future SOF council meetings on the first Sunday of the month to insure continuity.

Meeting adjourned with the reciting of the Lord's Prayer at approximately 5 pm

Penny Riedel, Secretary