

**Seeds of Faith Shared Ministry Council
December 6, 2009 – Hope, Rush Center**

Council members present: (after sliding into Rush Center in the ice storm)

Penny Riedel (H), Rhonda Templing (E), Stan Ewy (P), Ken Wiltse (P), Wes Hemken (H), Pastor Patricia Reep, Pastor Steve Little

President Rhonda Templing called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Pastor Steve opened with a prayer.

Minutes were presented and approved. Treasurer's report was handed out by Penny in the absence of Art. Discussion about the synod double billing for the Bishop's convocation, in addition to a question about bill from the synod meeting at Lindsborg. . Art will be asked to check into these. Report received subject to annual audit.

Highlights of Pastors' report:

Advent services, Thanksgiving services, upcoming continuing education sessions. Planning for Lent is underway.

Old Business Discussed:

Bylaws: Discussion regarding the need for congregational approval vs council authority on items. Voting on items at the annual meetings will delay changes until it passes each church. Decision to add a paragraph regarding a "congregational meeting to vote on budget issues will be held in November". Discussion was also held on the timeline for giving units – it was decided they will run from June 1 to May 31st.

2010 Budget: Discussion on budget issues related to parsonage rent and utilities. Art will follow up on this.

Congregational pictures: Information from Olan Mills was just received to access the on-line account. Each church will have a person that will check names assigned to the photographs. After this is done, the directory will be finalized.

Newsletter

There were some issues with the newsletter. It was decided to invite each congregation's "newsletter info person" to the next SOF meeting in January.

Next Regular Meeting date: January 3rd, 2010 at First Lutheran beginning at 1:30 pm. For those really planning ahead, the February meeting will be at Emmanuel. Reminder – SOF council meetings on the first Sunday of the month to insure continuity.

Meeting adjourned with the reciting of the Lord's Prayer

Penny Riedel, Secretary