

**Seeds of Faith Shared Ministry Council
January 3, 2010 – First , LaCrosse**

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

Raymond Georg (F), Rhonda Templing (E), Lisa Stambaugh (E), Ken Wiltse (P), Penny Riedel (H), Pastor Patricia Reep, Pastor Steve Little

Also present: Art Riedel, Treasurer

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

Pastor Steve opened with a reading.

Minutes were presented and approved. Treasurer's report was handed out and reviewed. It was noted that Pastor Steve's December mileage was not included in the report. Art also discussed that the Auditing Committee has been contacted about the audit. They will be setting a date for that in the future. Report received subject to annual audit.

Highlights of both Pastors' reports:

Lots of services and activities in December. Pastor Steve will have continuing education on Jan. 18 to 22 in Indiana and also Jan 25 to 28 in St. Louis. Pastor Patricia will have some new member sessions. Lenten planning is on going.

Newsletter:

Carl Immenschuh presented a possible newsletter format. It was decided that newsletter would be emailed to members by Carl using information provided by each congregation. For newsletters mailed, each congregation will reimburse Peace the cost of mailing any newsletters that need to be mailed (15.5 cents for the 675.. zip code and 17.2 cents for all others). Ken will check with the Peace council to find out specifics on cost of paper,etc. Carl did encourage that the Pastors limit their verbage to no more than 350 words in order to allow for other information. Pastor Steve was offered CPR and water after hearing this editorial decree ☺ (A little humor there folks....)

Old Business Discussed:

Bylaws: Should be ready to go.

2010 Budget: Discussion on budget issues and concerns from around the parish as it will be a potentially difficult budget year for all congregations. Thoughts on what would happen if budget wasn't approved, and some possible scenarios were discussed.

Congregational pictures: Information from Olan Mills will be reviewed by each church representative to insure accuracy. After this is done, the directory will be finalized.

Next Regular Meeting date: February 7th, 2010 at Emmanuel in Hoisington beginning at 1:30 pm. *While meetings will be held on the 1st Sunday of each month, the April and May meetings will be moved with the date to be decided at the February 2010 meeting. This was due to Easter and Confirmation concerns.*

Meeting adjourned with the reciting of the Lord's Prayer

Penny Riedel, Secretary