

**October Church Council  
10-11-09**

**Meeting called to order by Chair Tim A. at 7:03 PM**

**Attendees:**

Dianne Rogerson, Jane Stark, Don Stark, Carolyn Nelson, Scott Whitmire, Phyllis Hunt, Edsel Goldson, Shirley Robertson, Bobbie Roney, Doris Hulse, Ned Nelson, Nancy Kuch, Dave Gillespie, Dean Chandler, Norm Abrahamson, Tami Dunlap, Mike Dosch, Betty Graham, Vern Graham

**Tami opened with a talk & a prayer.**

Tami spoke of a poem and recent personal experience where her biblical call to serve others left her angry to the point she had to ask others to forgive her. This left her with an empty biblical spirit. After some thought, she realized in her zealous effort to help others, she was unconsciously not asking or letting others help her. She realized her behavior prevented other persons from offering her the same servant attitude she gave others. With Tami's new insight, she has committed herself to try and ask for and graciously accept help from others to fill her empty spirit and allow others to grow in their servant attitude as well.

**Sept. minutes were approved**

**Edsel talked about grieving & celebrating.**

Edsel suggested the group start off each meeting with a short time of prayer to remember those who have recently left our church or any church for various reasons and also those who have recently passed away. He hopes this activity will help begin heal the hurt we experience at times of loss such as these.

**Doris spoke about the new Bible study group--studying Matthew.**

The new bible study lead by Carolyn Ostrander got off to a good start with 10 people showing up for the first meeting. It is an intense study requiring each person to agree to a covenant to study the scriptures at least 30 minutes every day and spend an hour once a week preparing for the next meeting.

**Phyllis spoke on the pledge drive status.**

2010 pledging to date looks like this:

\$\$\$ Pledged	Number of Pledgers	Estimated remaining pledgers
\$132,792	50	24

Total pledged to date is less than last year for the same number of pledgers.

Handouts of the 2010 draft budget were also reviewed and many requests were made to add 2009 estimate of giving, actual received and projected year end numbers for comparison to the 2010 budget. Phyllis agreed to add some of these numbers for the November meeting.

**It was moved, seconded & approved to accept the proposed (draft) Covenant.**

A motion was made to accept an SPPR proposed and conference requested Church & Staff Covenant agreement. The covenant was created by the SPPR committee and pastor with comments from the church council chairman. The document summarizes the current overall health of the church staff and its membership, and identifies measurable goals for improvement in areas of weakness. Discussion occurred and the motion was passed to accept the draft version with the understanding that the document can be further improved or clarified along the way if needed.

**The council was asked to approve the Trustees to investigate the sharing of the building with a Tongan Methodist Congregation. Motion was approved.**

Ned Nelson gave a powerpoint presentation summarizing the proposal and highlighting some the issues of concern. A discussion followed with a couple additional concerns raised but there was unanimous support to move ahead with the investigation phase. Our district superintendant would like a decision by Spring of 2010 but many in the committee felt the decision should be made much sooner. Others felt we should slow down and take more time.

**Giving tree proposal made to give toys to 2 families and Sophias' group**

Dianne Rogerson made a proposal to support 2 families from Hilands Elementary School for the Christmas Giving Tree and also some very small toys to hand out to children during the Pasada dinner that Sophia is planning. The proposal was unanimously accepted.

**The Sunday before Thanksgiving there will be a special food drive.**

Shirley Rogerson proposed we hold our annual food drive before Thanksgiving. This is the Sunday where we all bring canned food to place on the altar during the church service. The proposal was unanimously accepted.

**Don Stark closed our meeting with a prayer.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM**