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**TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Council/Session Meeting Agenda**  
**November 10, 2008**

**Call to Order:**

**Council/Session Meeting was called to order at:** 7:10

**In Attendance:** Jeff Rogers, Ed Hilton, Bob Richards, Lynn Rogers, Marian Silva, Scott Trevithick, Deb Strasmann, Lori Breuch, Molly Person, Edie Lott, Mary Ellen Costa

**Quorum Present:** The president declared that a quorum was present

**Devotions:** Marian Silva presented the devotions.

**Next Meeting:** December 8, 2008

**To Be Held At:** Bob Richards/Lis Green's

**Devotions to be presented by:** Lynn Rogers

**Administration / Communications / Announcements**

1. Approval of September Council/Session Meeting minutes:

The minutes were approved as written.

2. September 2008 Reports:

A) **Pastor's Report** – Ed Hilton

-The worship committee is soliciting input from the congregation on favorite songs/hymns that they would like to sing during our worship service.

-YoungLife and WyldLife are underway. WyldLife meets every other week. The last WyldLife meeting was at Jeff and Julie Rogers house. Around 15 kids attended. The next YoungLife meeting is next Monday. They are going to Woodleaf the weekend before Thanksgiving for the Polar Bear Weekend.

-Ed is attending a YoungLife meeting June 27 – 29 2009 for teachers involved in YoungLife.

-Ed will be out on November 23<sup>rd</sup> for a National Science teacher's conference.

-The candidates that Ed has been endorsing for school board won by a landslide! The California Teacher's Association has nominated Ed for Political Activist Teacher of the Year.

-Ed attended 2 hospital trainings this month. One was focused on how to handle various situations that can arise while he is chaplain. The other was focused on chaplain responsibilities.

B) **Acknowledgment of Submitted Reports** –

-The president thanks all for submitting reports. Please add Scott Trevithick to your distribution lists for reports (strevithick@charter.net)

3. Attendance:

Jeff will forward these numbers when they are available.

**2008 October Attendance:**

**2007 October Attendance:**

**2008 Average per week:**

**2007 Average per week:**

**2008 Year to Date Total:**

**2007 Year to Date Total:**

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#### 4. Financial Report (October 2008):

<b>Income</b>	\$7,683	<b>YTD Income</b>	\$80,443
<b>Expense</b>	(\$9,110)	<b>YTD Expense</b>	(\$89,442)
<b>Difference</b>	(\$1,427)	<b>YTD Difference</b>	(\$8,999)

#### **Unfinished Business**

##### 1. Summer Camp discussion (Lori Breuch)

Lori is planning on calling people to solicit responses about summer camp. Julie and Lori will continue to evaluate our plan

##### 2. Financial Update (Lynn Rogers)

Because of the transition of responsibilities, a shortfall that has existed in our income has not been identified until now.

YTD Budget \$93,614

YTD Budget Difference (-\$13,171)

Lynn is working with Tim and Dianna Wright and Jeff Hatch to implement procedures that will prevent this from happening again, such as mid-year statements to members who have pledged to the church and a mid-year stewardship campaign/reminder.

Lynn is in the process of recruiting more members to the stewardship committee. Our church organization says that the stewardship chairman is also the CFO of our church. Lynn is looking for someone who understands our financial organization who can be the point person while Lynn is gone. Bob Richards volunteered for this role.

##### 3. Scott Trevithick –

His latest call was a congregation in Reno during Fall '95 – Spring '06. Scott has preached occasionally at our church. Now that we are chartered as a church, it allows us to have a parish associate. A Parish Associate could be 65-70 years old, retired that wants to remain active in ministry. Or it could be someone like Scott that is not currently formally associated with a church, who would like to remain active. Scott will preach on Sundays when Ed is not available. All of the parish associate relationship is managed by Ed. We gain Scott's experience. He is a chaplain at St. Mary's hospital in Reno. This association remains in effect for 1 year.

Ed is happy to have an arrangement where we have that person to call if some need (like a wedding or a funeral) would arise while Ed is gone. Scott is a person who knows our congregation who can easily step in as needed.

##### 2. Stewardship 2009 (Lynn Rogers)

Our stewardship emphasis will kick off on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and include information on the simply giving program. There will be a congregational mailing including pledge cards to be returned to church on 12/7 during commitment Sunday.

##### 3. Simply Giving update (Lynn Rogers)

This is a no cost way that the congregation can use to make their donations to the church through automatic electronic transfers. There is also the availability to collect contributions through credit card payments, but there is a cost associated with this, so we are choosing not to pursue this at the time. Lynn will get this system in place for TLPC.

##### 4. Time and Talent (Lynn Rogers)

The council decided in the past that we need to gather information on people in the congregation who have specific talents, time or desires to share with the church. Our new management system allows us to input this type of data. We will have this system in place soon and will then collect this information from our congregation.

##### 5. 2009 Budget (Lynn Rogers)

Lynn shared a comparison of our 2007 and 2008 budget. He asked council members to evaluate their area of responsibility and determine what they will be requesting for each line item of the budget. Lynn would like to have our first take on the budget at the next meeting and work towards an approved budget at the January 12<sup>th</sup> council meeting that will be shared with the congregation at the annual meeting in January.

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6. Nominating Committee update (Molly Person)

The Committee (Molly, Jan, Judy and Cindy B.) met on Sunday and agreed to select people who would be interested in serving on the council.

**New Business**

1. Christmas gift (Edie Lott)

We agreed to give Baldo a \$75 Safeway gift certificate for Christmas. He continuously goes above and beyond to help us out

**Public Announcements / Comments**

-Deb Strasmann shared that she attended this meeting to understand how the council/session operated, and to avail herself to any projects where we can use her help. She has creative talents such as sewing, and she is also good on the computer.

**Closing Prayer**

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:32