

SIERRA PACIFIC SYNOD COUNCIL

Meeting

March 11, 2010

Mt Cross, Felton, CA

Members Present: Pr Adisa Armand Miller, Merle Hanson, Maurie Hamilton, Karen Anderson, Kay Valler, Pr Tom Beck, Bp Mark Holmerud, Pr Sarah Isakson, Pr Susan Birkelo, Bishop's Associate Nancy Nelson, Steve Krefting (parliamentarian/staff), Lou Smith (acting treasurer) and Pat Cash (secretary).

Absent: John Kuehner, Perry Gray-Reneberg, Pam Bertani, Pr Brian Malison, Gisela Daetz, Jay Hines-Shah, Don Strauch, Pr Newt Kerney.

The meeting was called to order at 3:15pm.

Treasurer Nominations:

MS (Isakson/Hanson) to place Linda Lownes and Lou Smith on the ballot for the position of Treasurer. MSC ((Isakson/Armand Miller) to amend with the addition of performing background checks on the nominees.

SC10.03.16 Amended motion carried

Sales at Assembly:

SC10.03.17 MSC (Birkelo/Beck) to allow Asante to sell items, and Woven Image (musical group) to receive a free will offering at their concert as well as make their CDs available for sale.

Proposed Budget for 2011: Lou Smith presented the budget proposed for presentation to the assembly. Discussion was held regarding shortfall numbers and other sources of income:

- Funds coming in from the Woock Estate (\$122,000 in interest that will go into the spending plan and general fund)
- Elder Care Alliance refinancing of Alma Via property will close in a week (\$8000,000 to Outreach Fund)
- Golden Gate, San Francisco is still an unknown amount

Further discussion was held regarding presentation of a challenge to each congregation. What if every congregation was challenged to encourage their members to increase giving by a specific amount (\$5, 10, 25...) and then give 10% of that additional money to the Synod. Karen Anderson and Jim Goldsmith will work on an idea for presentation and Kristina will be asked to run some calculations for an appropriate amount. Lou was asked to develop a narrative for the budget presentation that would relate to the Synod Profile citing the expressed desires for deployed staff and office locations, etc.

SC10.03.18 MSC (Beck, Berkelo) to present the proposed budget to the Assembly for adoption

SC10.03.19 MSC (Isakson/Beck) to amend the budget presented by adding two “what if” lines to reflect \$10 and \$20 additional giving per confirmed member to congregational ministries showing what a 10% gift to the Synod would do for the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm

Respectfully submitted
Pat Cash, Secretary