



# Good Shepherd Council Meeting Highlights

December 18, 2006

**Members in attendance:** Pastor David Sloop, Pastor Jennifer Hepler, Nancy Herje, Scott Buell, Sheri Cassidy, Ellen Dickson, Jenny Falk.

**Also in attendance:** Dan Burris and Paul Phillips (staff)

**Note: Complete minutes from December meeting to be approved at January Council meeting.**

**2007 Spending Plan** – Discussion was held on possible methods of managing 2007 spending in a way that ensures critical needs are met throughout the year. The outcome of the discussion was that the Finance Ministry Team will be given a chance to address this subject between now and the end of January.

**Finance Ministry Team Update** – The Finance Ministry Team is currently in transition, having recently gained several new members. The team's goal is to have a plan for managing 2007 spending ready to share with Council by the end of January. A ministry team leader has not yet been determined.

**Personnel Ministry Team Update** – Scott Buell made a motion to accept names of four Personnel Ministry Team members for 2007. Three more names will be brought to Council for approval at a later date.

**Treasurer Update** – David Hutzenbuhler was approved as Good Shepherd's 2007 Treasurer.

**Presentation of Diane Bowker as Synod Candidate for Ministry** – Diane is pursuing a Master's in Divinity, discerning her calling in counseling, possibly in a church setting. Good Shepherd is being asked to support Diane by committing to \$1000 per year (to be collected through special offerings) for four years.

**IT Update** – Sheri Cassidy reported that Good Shepherd has subscribed to the ACS Web Interface software component, and it is installed. Goal is to have a demo ready by the time of the first Ministry Team Leaders meeting in early 2007. Ongoing administration of the software is an unresolved issue.

**Email Voting** – After review of research on the subject, no motion was made to adopt email voting. In the event of a critical need for a vote between scheduled meetings, a conference call would be organized.

**Agenda for Council Retreat** – A subteam of Council consisting of Nancy Herje, Scott Buell, Jennifer Falk, and Pastor David will finalize a detailed agenda for the retreat.

**Elections for 2007 Council** – After a brief discussion, Scott Buell made a motion that each Council member retain their current (2006) positions. Pastor David seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. Positions are as follows: Nancy Herje, President; Sheri Cassidy, Vice-President; Scott Buell, At-Large Personnel; Ellen Dickson, At-Large Finance; Jennifer Falk, At Large Special Projects.

## **Other Business**

- Pastor David circulated biographical information in advance of Mnene Parish visit in April 2007.
- Mutual Ministry nominees for 2007 will be presented by January Council meeting.
- Inactive 2006 members will receive a letter inviting them to return before being removed from membership rolls.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Prill, Council Recording Secretary