

Living Word Lutheran Church Stewardship Committee

Meeting Minutes for June 12 and 14, 2012

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 12 (to accommodate Rocky's schedule- his team won the contest on Tuesday)

Present: All members including new member, Jane Osterberg who replaces Solveig Elton who resigned earlier.

1. The May 8 minutes were reviewed and approved.
2. Maren reported on the re-structuring of the *duties for the stewardship committee* and said that the Council will be working on the changes at their June meeting and she will publish the results of their deliberations by email to our committee after the Council meeting.
3. The final Council-approved Memorial Fund envelope wording is in Kathie's hands and she will order envelopes.
4. Temple talks. Keith is working on the talks needed for August and October.
5. Rocky is working on the Statements of Faith for the Special Emphasis Ministries. Further, he will be checking with Pastor AJ to see what must be scheduled for the remainder of the year.
6. M/S/C that the *Back to School Shoes Gap Ministry* be supported with \$500 from Stewardship Undesignated funds. The committee agreed that the proposal presented by Cindy Lerohl/Sandy Aamold working with LOVE, Inc., and personalized by the prayer cards were a good start to a program that could have lasting import in our community. It seems prudent that we ask for a report from Cindy/Sandy after the program for 2012 is complete. I was further agreed that the responsibility for the continuity of this program would fall under the Mission Committee in the future.
7. We read through the notes taken at Luther Seminary Symposium on Stewardship—2010. An interesting, lively discussion ensued. The real upshot is that *God is faithful*.

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Kathie shared that tithing is required at The Church of the Harvest. When she heard this, she asked how they could get away with **requiring** it. Her contact said that they educate their parishioners regarding money. Don is to inquire of leadership there to see how this is done.

Personal testimonies were shared, especially from Rocky and Maren. They were encouraged to do a two-person Temple Talk on Stewardship for later in the year.

Two statements from the notes on the Symposium stood out for the June 14 group:

The budget of the church is the most truthful mission statement of the congregation, and

Consider the purpose of the congregation before writing the budget.

We agreed to spend a meeting in the future discussing these two possibilities.

Submitted by Don Nelson, June 14, 2012