

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING
February 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bob Frymoyer.

The following council members were present:

Daryl Ackerman	Reuben Balasundram	Doug Bonsall
Pastor Brock	Judy Collins	Christopher Couch
Kathy Eavey	Craig Erdman	Joe Fidler
Bill Foos	Roland Freund	Bob Frymoyer
Arnie Greenlund	Pastor Hardy	Maria Hegedus
Mike Schwalm		

Nancy Martin, assistant to the secretary, was also present.

Gathering in God's Grace:

Opening Devotions and Lighting of the Unity Candle:

Mr. Fidler started the meeting by lighting the Unity Candle and Mr. Ackerman opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Roll Call and action on requests for absence: Mr. Craig Erdman moved to excuse Tim Koch and Peter Fox per their requests. The motion carried.

Recognition of visitors: None.

Approval of minutes: Mr. Greenlund moved to approve the January 14, 2008 and January 27, 2008 minutes. The motion passed.

Agreement on Agenda: Ms. Collins requested to be added to the Staff Reports.

Offering of our Gifts and Talents

Petitions and Communications:

President Frymoyer informed council he received correspondence dated January 15th from the person interested in purchasing 28 acres of the York County Property. The prospective buyer is willing to pay for the perk tests.

Staff Reports: Reports were received from Pastor Hardy, Pastor Brock, Pastor Easton, Christopher Couch, Tim Koch, Peter Fox, Debbie Wilson and Judy Collins. Each person was asked by President Frymoyer to provide one highlight of their report.

Pastor Hardy referred to paragraph one of his report and the significant ministry to individuals in the congregation by the pastoral staff.

Pastor Brock indicated how well his Mutual Ministry Team is working, and the ongoing Affirmation of Baptism class.

Mr. Couch mentioned the pastors visiting the rotational classes to discuss communion, the Sunday Church School rotational class project of collecting funds for building wells, and the beginning of Sup and Study.

Mr. Koch emphasized the upcoming Diane Bish concert. He reported that once the 750 tickets for the nave are sold there will be overflow seating in Fellowship Hall where the concert will be broadcast on the large screen.

Ms. Collins highlighted her excitement about the discipleship opportunities on Trinity's website and she welcomes any additional input. She also stated if there is an immediate need, to let her know.

President's Report: President Frymoyer informed council a Publicity and Communications Committee Chair is still needed. He is working with Ms. Collins to accomplish this. He also reported that Reuben Balasundram will be the new Educational Ministry Committee Liaison, Craig Staller has agreed to be chair of the Missions Committee, and Mike Schwalm will be the new Parish Ministry Committee Liaison.

The discussion of head greater duties for collecting the money was discussed in some detail. The problem with the collection of money arises with certain head ushers. Certain ushers feel bagging the money in the narthex is not appropriate or doable. President Frymoyer and Daryl Ackerman will meet with the person in charge of the ushers so the policy of collecting money can be discussed and the minor discrepancies can be resolved.

Contact Council Cards were handed out to the members. It was asked if there are any changes to please notify Ms. Martin. Mr. Foos requested the Pastors' days off be placed on the cards.

Executive Committee:

Reports of Special Committees:

Healthy Church Task Force: No report. Mr. Bonsall mentioned that he would like Mr. Fidler to complete the presentation he began at the council retreat.

Capital Campaign: President Frymoyer and Mr. Leber have discussed the amortization of our current loan, which is to expire April 30, 2008. A special congregation meeting is scheduled for March 9 to gain authorization for council to proceed. Mr. Leber may come to the March council meeting if needed to present the details of the new loan.

Strategic Planning Committee: Mr. Foos stated after the council retreat they put the series of questions used at the retreat on the website and will also put them in the next Trinity Parish.

Afterwards the committee plans to compile all the data. They would like to have a congregational forum and plan to work with the committees leading up to May 31st.

Reports of Standing Committees: As with Staff Reports, President Frymoyer asked each person to give one highlight from their respective reports or an item of interest.

Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee: Mr. Ackerman's report is on file. Mr. Ackerman informed council of the excess receipts over expenditures from 2007 in the amount of \$4,300. There is approximately \$15,000 from the endowment fund to be distributed.

Administration and Personnel Committee: Mr. Erdman's report is on file. Mr. Erdman informed council that Wanda Durf has been hired to replace Ms. Pennington.

Arts Committee: Ms. Haar's report is on file.

Church Property Committee: Mr. Foos's report is on file. He stated that the Property Committee underwent restructuring and the committee is limited to twelve people. He has two new members, John Artevich and Bruce Bigelow. He is also looking for someone knowledgeable about plumbing to join the committee.

Educational Ministry Committee: No Meeting. Mr. Balasundram mentioned the theater room is very unsafe for small children because of the loose small rugs and wiring. Also the stage has sharp edges.

Evangelism: No Meeting. No report was prepared because of lack of understanding between Ms. Knarr and Mr. Greenlund. Mr. Greenlund indicated that Ms. Knarr is adding members to the committee.

Fellowship Committee: Ms. Wilson's/Ms. Henderson's report is on file. Mr. Bonsall mentioned at the last meeting they took action to create a sub-committee to provide food services for small functions. This committee is different from the Kitchen Committee. Mr. Hunter will be in charge of this sub-committee. More information will follow.

Missions Committee: No Meeting. Mr. Freud noted the committee will meet next Thursday.

Parish Ministry Committee: No Meeting.

Publicity and Communications: No Meeting.

Social Ministry Committee: No Meeting.

Stewardship Committee: Mr. Fidler's report is on file. Mr. Fidler mentioned "Stories to Tell and Gifts to Share." His goal is to meet with each team/committee to come up with a one page

report to show the congregation how Trinity's money is being spent.

Worship Committee: No Meeting. Ms. Eavey informed council the committee will meet tomorrow night.

Youth Ministry Committee: No meeting

Reports of Auxiliaries: No report.

Continuing Service

Informal Session: President Frymoyer would like each committee to provide council a brief synopsis of the committee's role, purpose and/or goal. If at all possible, he would like the chair to attend this informal session as well. It was stated this overview should only take a few minutes.

Mr. Erdman gave an overview of the Administration and Personnel Committee. He stated the committee's principal concern is with personnel. The committee is also responsible for maintaining the policy manual.

Unfinished Business: Mr. Foos questioned the status of the sale of the chapel organ. Mr. Erdman will follow up on this.

New Business:

MOTION: Congregation Meeting Mr. Ackerman moved to schedule a congregational meeting to acquire general authorization to negotiate with at least three financial institutions and finalize a loan to amortize our approximate \$1.5 million indebtedness.

Mr. Foos moved to amend the motion by changing "our approximate \$1.5 indebtedness" to "not to exceed \$1.5 million." The amendment carried.

The motion as amended carried.

MOTION: Financial Transactions Mr. Ackerman moved the following individuals are authorized to make financial transaction on behalf of Trinity Lutheran Church when two of the four agree in writing to the transaction: Church Treasurer, Vonnie Sadler; Finance Committee Chair, Daryl Ackerman; Financial Secretary, Nancy Martin; Financial and Property Administrator, Paul Hensel. Mr. Erdman moved to amend the motion by changing "are authorized to make financial transactions" to "are authorized signers for financial transactions." The amendment carried.

The motion as amended carried.

MOTION: York Property Mr. Foos moved to authorize the President, Church Property Committee Chair and Finance Committee Chair to undertake preliminary discussions toward the potential sale of an approximate 28 acre tract of land in Warrington Township, York County. The motion carried

MOTION: CACCC Fund Raising Mr. Freund moved to authorize CACCC's advertising in Trinity publications for its fund-raising efforts.

Mr. Erdman moved to amend the motion by changing "for its fund-raising efforts" to "for the specific purpose for the Boscov fundraiser." The amendment carried.

The motion as amended carried.

MOTION: Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly Mr. Bonsall moved to authorize the president to name two voting members to the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly. The motion carried. Ms. Eavey and Mr. Fidler volunteered to attend the assembly.

MOTION: P.P.2.10 Mr. Erdman moved to approve Policy Page 2.10 (Retirement). The motion carried.

MOTION: P.P.1.20.1 Mr. Erdman moved to approve Policy Page 1.20.1 (Organizational Chart). The motion carried.

MOTION: Appendix A-1a & 2a Mr. Erdman moved to accept Appendix A-1a and 2a to be included in the Policy Manual. The motion carried.

MOTION: Monthly Insert Mr. Fidler moved to permit the Stewardship Committee to include one insert per month in the Trinity Today for calendar year 2008. The motion carried.

MOTION: Council Goal Mr. Fidler moved to continue the 2007 Council goal into 2008: To encourage each member to find and act upon his or her personal ministry by (1) identifying each member's God-given gifts and (2) matching those gifts to the needs of Trinity and its communities. The motion carried.

MOTION: New Members Mr. Greenlund moved to approved the following persons for membership. Paul Askey; Mark, Diane, and Erika Borger;

Danielle and Adrienne Brier, and Caroline Straub; Laura Comitz, and Jalen and Payden Farner; Lorraine Graybill; Daniel, Pamela, Michael, Cory, Marc, and Kasey Grundon; Beth Hahn; Elaine and Jacob Kintzer; Rebecca Maher and Alexander and Maxwell Schertzer; Melissa Martenis; Judith Messigner; William, Karen, Nicole, Kyle, and Courtney Purnell; Janice Reid; Ronald and Gale Rostalski; Ronald, Michelle, McCartney and Isabella Rostalski; Nicholas Sooy; Mark, Susan, Amie, Kaja, and Alexander Spaseff; Dorothy Wallman; Paul and Barbara Wargo. The motion carried.

Mr. Balansundram would like new members to be introduced at all services. He feels the new members are not being greeted accordingly because many people do not know who they are. Mr. Bonsall would like to have something more than a coffee hour. Ms. Martin noted that at one time new members were given carnations and name tags, which helped identify them. Mr. Foos stated that it would be good for the council members to attend the Affirmation of Faith last session to introduce themselves and welcome the new members to Trinity.

Dismissal: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Council members joined hands and prayed together The Lord's Prayer.

Maria Hegedus, secretary

Nancy Martin, assistant to the secretary