

*TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania*

*MINUTES OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING
March 10, 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
Craig Erdman	Joe Fidler	Bill Foos
Peter Fox	Bob Frymoyer	Arnie Greenlund
Pastor Hardy	Maria Hegedus	Tim Koch
Mike Schwalm		

Gathering in God's Grace:

Opening Devotions and Lighting of the Unity Candle:

The meeting began by lighting the Unity Candle and Mr. Balasundram opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. The Hymn "We Are One in Mission" was sung.

Roll Call and action on requests for absence: Mr. Greenlund moved to excuse Rolund Freund and Nancy Martin per their requests. Kathy Eavey was also absent.

Recognition of visitors: Mr. Peter Pennington was present.

Approval of minutes: Mr. Erdman moved to approve the February 11, 2008 minutes. The motion passed.

Offering of our Gifts and Talents

Petitions and Communications:

President Frymoyer informed council he received correspondence from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg announcing the 110 year anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church. They are requesting a picture of Trinity for display.

A letter was received informing Trinity of Pastor Hardy's approaching 25th anniversary of ordination.

Christian Churches United sent a letter thanking Trinity for the food and money they received from the Youth Group Super Bowl Sunday fund drive for The Bridge.

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

Pastor Hardy mentioned Dr. Vigen, Executive Director and President of The Luther Institute in Washington D.C., is looking to expand the program to offer weekend retreats. Pastor Hardy will be in further communications with Dr Vigen.

Pastor Brock noted that he had the opportunity to help an individual with a Giant gift card. He also noted with current economic conditions we will have more people coming for assistance.

Mr. Couch talked about the building of wells in Tanzania and how money is coming in significantly. He noted that half of the Lenten offering box donations will be used to build wells. The cost to build a well is \$350.00 and at this point we have money for six wells.

Mr. Fox mentioned that Super Bowl Sunday donations exceeded previous years. He also stated that the charity was amazed there was money in addition to the food that was received. Mr. Fox also stated that Pancake Breakfast will be on the 29th.

Mr. Koch commented on the March 2nd concert and the upcoming concert series.

Ms. Collins passed out calling cards. She is looking at the spiritual gifts assessments. She asked the council to take 10 minutes out of our time to take the assessment. She asked everyone to pass the calling cards to others to let people know the discipleship opportunities.

President's Report:

President Frymoyer informed council a Publicity and Communications Committee Chair is still needed.

President Frymoyer passed out the "Head Greater" sheet.

President Frymoyer thanked everyone for the support to help things to go smoothly at the special congregational meeting held on March 9, 2008. He informed us they are looking at six financial institutions, and at a fixed rate which will be good for 5-7 years. He noted fees are also an issue. He stated overall things are quite favorable. They are hoping to have council approve next month. Mr. Foos also noted we should question any early payment penalties.

President Frymoyer stated that they are in conversation with Lou Grammes as to what type of capital campaign will be needed.

President Frymoyer mentioned the 28 plus acres in York. He stated the lot is divided in two deeds. They have a lot of road frontage and it is a nice piece of property, however, it must pass a perk test. The interested person only wants to purchase 10 acres.

President Frymoyer noted that an individual is interested in borrowing from the education loan. The Educational Loan Fund Committee will handle the request.

President Frymoyer informed us the tenants at 1915 Market Street are in arrears. The tenants will be out by the 30th of this month.

Executive Committee: No report.

Reports of Special Committees:

Healthy Church Task Force: No report.

Capital Campaign: No report.

Strategic Planning Committee: Mr. Bonsall mentioned they have not met since the end of January. They plan to meet this Wednesday. They are in the process of collecting data. He asked that we go to our committees and have them answer the list of questions.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee: Mr. Ackerman's report is on file.

Administration and Personnel Committee: Mr. Erdman's report is on file. Mr. Erdman stated that he appreciated the efforts with the updating of the policy and procedures.

Arts Committee: No meeting.

Church Property Committee: Mr. Foos's report is on file. Mr. Foos stated that he his moving forward to get the permit for the removal of the building at 1915 Market Street. Hempt Brothers is coming to resurface the alley way. The Property Committee will review putting speed bumps on both sides of the entrance ways to slow the traffic that is using the parking lot as a throughway. He is hoping to have the speed bumps done at the same time as resurfacing.

Educational Ministry Committee: No meeting.

Evangelism: Mr. Greenlund's report is on file. He noted he received a letter and a check for \$20.00 from a lady in appreciation for allowing her and her brother to pray in the Chapel.

Fellowship Committee: Ms. Wilson's/Ms. Henderson's report is on file. Mr. Bonsall commented that 2 ½ years ago there was no active team and now there are 7 active members. He commented on how pleased they are with the recruitment of people to help out with the

Garden of Eatin. He mentioned the start up of the softball team. The committee is actively investigating switching to Fair Trade coffee for all synod events. The upcoming Dutch Apple Dinner Theater trip was mentioned and the Fellowship Committee anticipates sponsoring a trip to a Christmas show in December.

Missions Committee: No meeting. Mr. Bonsall informed council that they are desperately seeking people to assist with the shelter mission at Zion Lutheran. He stated that it starts at 8:30 p.m. and ends at 7:30 a.m. They are looking for people starting next week. Pastor Hardy indicated that it was a wonderful opportunity. Mr. Bonsall also handed out a letter the Missions Committee plans to send out inviting members to the Regional Global Mission Event (RGME) which will be held May 23-24, 2008, at Trinity. He also mentioned that the Missions Committee is looking for hospitality hosts and the committee will cover the cost of the hospitality hosts.

Parish Ministry Committee: Ms. Sprowls' report is on file.

Publicity and Communications: No meeting.

Social Ministry Committee: Mr. Freund's report is on file.

Stewardship Committee: No meeting. Mr. Fidler mentioned the survey that was distributed. He asked the members to provide feedback to him as soon as possible. A suggestion was made that the Stewardship Committee investigate presenting a 101 Finance Planning Course for the members of Trinity.

Worship Committee: Mr. Weaver's report is on file.

Youth Ministry Committee: No meeting

Reports of Auxiliaries: No report.

Continuing Service

Informal Session:

Mr. Foos asked the background on the picture received from Gil Mitchell. Pastor Hardy provided the background concerning the picture and where it was to be placed in the Gathering Space.

Mr. Ackerman informed council the overall duties of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Fidler mentioned the passing of the 2008 budget and asked that future budgets be brought to the council members earlier and have certain lines better clarified in order for them to pass the budget. President Frymoyer informed council what was done in order for the Finance Committee to present the budget to the council and Pastor Hardy informed council how the policy of handling the clarification of certain lines came to be.

President Frymoyer informed council the functions of the Executive Committee.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

MOTION: PP 1.30.5, 1.30.4 and 1.30.10

Mr. Erdman moved to approve Policy Pages 1.30.5 (Executive Committee), 1.30.4 (Evangelism Committee), and 1.30.10 (Church Property Committee). The motion carried.

Dismissal: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Council members joined hands and prayed together The Lord's Prayer.

Maria Hegedus, secretary