

*TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania*

*MINUTES OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING
April 14, 2008*

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Bob Frymoyer.

The following council members were present:

Reuben Balasundram	Doug Bonsall	Judy Collins
Christopher Couch	Kathy Eavey	Craig Erdman
Joe Fidler	Bill Foos	Roland Freund
Bob Frymoyer	Pastor Hardy	Maria Herodius

Gathering in God's Grace:

Opening Devotions and Lighting of the Unity Candle:

The meeting began by lighting the Unity Candle and Mr. Fidler opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. The Hymn "Thine is the Glory" was sung.

Roll Call and action on requests for absence: Mr. Erdman moved to excuse Nancy Martin, Pastor Brock, Daryl Ackerman, Arnie Greenlund, Peter Fox, and Tim Koch per their requests. Mike Schwalm was also absent.

Recognition of visitors: Ms. Pat Eby, Jeff Weaver and Frank Leber were present.

Approval of minutes: Mr. Erdman moved to approve the March 10, 2008, minutes with the corrected spelling of Mr. Freund's first name. The motion passed.

Offering of our Gifts and Talents

Petitions and Communications: Mr. Freund informed Pastor Hardy he received correspondence from CCU in regards to a golf tournament to help raise money for charity. Mr. Freund noted he passed this piece of correspondence to Mr. Fidler.

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 noted the fantastic job and hard work everyone did in the preparation for Holy week. He thanked Mr. Foos and Mr. Leber for making their presentations clear and easy to understand during the last congregation meeting.

Mr. Couch mentioned that in March the last Sup and Study was concluded with the panel. He noted it went very well and there were many good comments. He also mentioned that he and Ms. Amy Koch are in the preparation of Vacation Bible School. They hoped to schedule this earlier in the year but had no success.

Mr. Couch spoke on behalf of Ms. Wilson's report. He noted that the Sunday April 4th concert should probably be May 4th.

Ms. Collins noted that her 90 day probation is finished. She sent an email to President Frymoyer and Mr. Erdman because she is interested in being reinstated as an Associate in Ministry. Ms. Collins also noted that she and Mr. Weaver have been working on Trinity's website. She asked each committee person to look at the segment pertaining to their area and let Mr. Weaver know of any corrections.

President's Report:

President Frymoyer indicated that the Youth Ministry Committee does not have a liaison to Council. He said that Mr. Fox asked him to mention the upcoming car wash fund raisers on Saturdays, May 3, and 31 and June 28. A flyer will be posted. This group of car washes will take place at Killian Fire Place Centre from 9 a.m to 1 p.m.

President Frymoyer informed council that June 1 will be the recognition of Pastor Hardy's 25th year of ordination. More details will be available at a later date.

Envisioning process will take place May 31. Please mark your calendar for Saturday from 9 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m.

Mr. Greenlund is resigning from Congregation Council. Ms. Betsy Knarr has been asked to take his place.

President Frymoyer stated at this time there is no chair of the Publicity and Communications Committee. He is talking to a number of individuals, however, has not come up with a candidate. It has been noted this position has been advertised on Trinity's website. Until the position is filled, Mr. Frymoyer will serve as acting chair.

Presentation of Mortgage Proposal

Mr. Leber handed out a sheet of the loan proposals and gave an overview of his findings. He stated the loan was not to exceed \$1.5 million. They have chosen 15 year amortization schedule, the maturity date of five or seven year was considered and a fixed rate. He stated the swap transaction will go away on May 1st.

MOTION:

Mr. Erdman moved: BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED, by the Congregation Council of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Camp Hill (the "Church"), that this Congregation Council accepts and approves the proposal letter of Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, dated April 9, 2008 (the "Proposal Letter"), in connection with a \$1,500,000 maximum principal amount loan to this Church by Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Proposal Letter as "Scenario IV"; that such loan shall be evidenced by a note (the "Note") and such other loan documents, including a

mortgage (the "Loan Documents"), as Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company shall require, in such forms and containing such further terms and conditions as shall be consistent with the Proposal Letter and as shall be acceptable to and approved by the officers of this Church executing the Note and the Loan Documents and as shall be acceptable to legal counsel to this Church; the President of this Church is hereby authorized and directed, at his discretion, to select either the variable rate option or the fixed rate option applicable to such Scenario IV, with either a five-year or seven-year term, as set forth in the Proposal Letter; and that the President and Secretary of this Church are hereby authorized and directed to execute, to attest, to acknowledge and to deliver, as appropriate, the Note and the Loan Documents and such additional documents and instruments as shall be necessary and appropriate to accomplish the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED, by the Congregation Council of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Camp Hill, that this Congregation Council approves appropriate "corporate banking and borrowing resolutions" for Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, which hereby shall be deemed adopted. The motion carried.

President Frymoyer stated that he will contact the representatives of the other banks.

Mr. Leber distributed a flyer, "What is a Swap Rate."

Mr. Leber also reported that he and Pastor Dave Fischer, Assistant to the Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, have begun the process for the successful transition for Pastor Hardy and the church.

He plans to meet with Council in October to discuss this process and any concerns. He stated that the Synod is in support of the process and that this is a significant event in the life of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Pastor Hardy thanked President Frymoyer and Mr. Leber for the significant time spent involving the banks, and he thanked Mr. Leber for picking up the fees for the loan application.

Executive Committee:

Reports of Special Committees:

Healthy Church Task Force: No report.

Capital Campaign: President Frymoyer informed council the capital campaign is doing very well and there are individuals who have pledged that he will be contacting to confirm their pledge. He asked Mr. Leber to chair the new Capital Campaign cabinet along with members Lou Grammes, Shaun Eisenhauer, Barbara Kriebel and himself. He hopes to have the details of the new plan for the May meeting. Mr. Foos questioned if the Capital Campaign Task Force is considering the efforts of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Strategic Planning Committee: Mr. Bonsall stated that they are still gathering information and is pleased how the groups have come forth to provide information. The May 31 retreat is where the council and committee chairs plan to review the data to determine where to go from there. It was requested of council to define who will continue with the goal. Will a new committee be appointed, or continue with the group that was appointed by Mr. Trissler? President Frymoyer stated that we will proceed with the existing committee.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee: Mr. Ackerman's report is on file. President Frymoyer stated that in spite of Easter being earlier than normal we are a bit behind. He also stated that the upcoming months is when giving tapers off.

Administration and Personnel Committee: Mr. Erdman's report is on file. Mr. Erdman reminded everyone who functions as a head greater to make sure offering plates are where they should be prior to service. He will also discuss this with the head ushers.

Arts Committee: Ms. Haar's report is on file. Maria Hegedus noted Mr. Koch distributed the outline of 2008-2009 concert series.

Church Property Committee: Mr. Foos' report is on file. Mr. Foos mentioned the committee approved the project proposed by Mary Alin Lubold to have the Eagle Scouts construct the risers for the mini theater and paint the hall walls. He noted they will be closely supervised.

Educational Ministry Committee: No Meeting. Mr. Balasundram stated that he and Kathy Eavey discussed switching committees. He also stated that he will be the liaison to the Publicity and Communications Committee.

Evangelism: No meeting. President Frymoyer stated he met with Ms. Betsy Knarr and she questioned if youth could be participants in the committees. This is permissible and he encourages adding youth. Mr. Erdman suggested talking to the Confirmation Class to obtain youth participants.

Fellowship Committee: Ms. Wilson's/Ms. Henderson's report is on file. Ms. Pat Eby came to council to request consideration to have a Volks March at Trinity Lutheran Church. She would like to put a box in the gathering space for this march. She stated that this is non competitive and it is not a fund raiser. The box would only need to be available from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., when the church was opened.

MOTION: Volks March President Frymoyer moved to sponsor the registration box for the Volks March to the end of December 2009.

Mr. Freund questioned how particular events are denied.

Mr. Weaver noted the availability of the church Saturday morning to Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon. There was much discussion in the particulars of this function.

Mr. Foos moved to table the motion until the next meeting. The motion carried.

Missions Committee: No Meeting.

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

Publicity and Communications: No Meeting.

Social Ministry Committee: Mr. Freund's report is on file. He noted the improved situation in volunteers and he thanked Ms. Collins for the job she is doing.

Stewardship Committee: Mr. Fidler's report is on file.

Worship Committee: Mr. Weaver's report is on file. Ms. Eavey stated the money from the organ in the chapel should be put in a separate account. Mr. Frymoyer added that Mr. Koch advised him that there is a member of the congregation who is willing to sell Trinity a baby grand piano.

Youth Ministry Committee: No meeting

Reports of Auxiliaries: No report.

Continuing Service

Informal Session:

Mr. Fidler handed out a 2008 Stewardship Team Snap Shot. He talked about how to get people to give more. What they would like to do this year is have classes of four week segments on stewardship. Pastor Hardy will give a class in the fall. He would like the youth to talk more about it and to have people develop a budget line item in their budgets for giving. Also, they would like to double the number of people who give in an automated way via credit cards and Simply Giving. He passed out a giving form and asked the council to give in an automated way. Mr. Foos suggested adding Stewardship at the confirmation classes.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

MOTION: Chapel Organ Funds

Ms. Eavey moved that the funds received from the sale of the chapel organ be placed in the holding account to be used toward the purchase of a new instrument for the chapel at a future date. The motion carried.

MOTION: Purchase of Piano

Ms. Eavey moved to authorize purchase of a used baby grand piano to be placed in the chapel at a total cost of purchase and repair not to exceed \$2,000.00. The motion carried. Mr. Foos and Mr. Freund abstained.

MOTION: Reallocation of MIRA

Mr. Foos moved to reimburse Property Committee line-items with funds from MIRA in the amount of \$13,760.24. The motion carried.

MOTION: Extend Engineering Fees for 1915 Parking Lot

Mr. Foos moved to authorize expenditures not to exceed \$12,000.00 for engineering services in order to develop plan and specifications for the borough for the demolition and paving.

Mr. Erdman moved to table the motion to authorize the engineering fees, and to refer the matter to the Finance Committee.
The motion carried.

Dismissal: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Council members joined hands and prayed together
The Lord's Prayer.

Maria Hegedus, secretary

Nancy Martin, assistant to the secretary