

**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Camp Hill, Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 12, 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
Pastor Hardy	Maria Hegedus	Betsy Knarr
Mike Schwalm		

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

**Gathering in God's Grace:**

**Opening Devotions and Lighting of the Unity Candle:**

The meeting began by lighting the Unity Candle and Ms. Eavey opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Hymn number 396 was sung.

Roll Call and action on requests for absence: All members were present.

Recognition of visitors: Mr. Frank Leber was present.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of April 14, 2008, indicate that President Frymoyer made the motion with regard to the Volks March. The minutes should reflect that Mr. Erdman made the motion. Mr. Erdman moved to approve the April 14, 2008, minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

Agreement on Agenda: Mr. Foos requested that extra time be added for the Strategic Planning Committee.

**Offering of our Gifts and Talents**

Petitions and Communications: President Frymoyer received a letter from the Lutheran Camping Corporation Council. They would like to give a presentation to Trinity regarding their Imagine Campaign.

President Frymoyer thanked Mr. Leber for the smooth transaction for the loan.

Mr. Leber gave background regarding the removal of an underground tank in the alley behind the kitchen. Subsequent testing was done and the appropriate documentation was provided. Mr. Leber indicated that this was very important in obtaining our mortgage. A full environmental appraisal was waived. This waiver was granted due to the relationship Trinity has with M&T Bank. The bank was very cooperative. He noted that Trinity's name appears in various formats and he suggested the Bylaws should be amended to reflect Trinity's proper name.

Mr. Leber indicated that the swap loan to be approved will be in Trinity's best interest if the rates increase. Mr. Leber and President Frymoyer will initiate the loan subsequent to approval.

MOTION: Swap loan. Mr. Ackerman moved the following resolution.

The 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 hereby approves a "swap" transaction between this Church and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company (the "Bank") in a notional amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) with a maturity/term no later than July 1, 2013 (the "Transaction"), and that this Congregation Council hereby authorizes and approves the establishment and maintenance of one or more accounts and the entry into of one or more contracts, master agreements, confirmations, instruments, transactions or other agreements with the Bank in the Church's name for the purpose of entering into the Transaction, in such forms and containing such further terms and conditions as shall be approved by the officers of this Church executing the documents evidencing the Transaction and as shall be acceptable to legal counsel to this Church; and that the President and Secretary of this Church shall be permitted to establish such accounts or to enter into such contracts, master agreements, confirmations, instruments, transactions or other agreements for the purposes set forth above and are hereby authorized and directed to execute, to attest and to deliver, as appropriate, such documents and instruments as shall be necessary and appropriate to accomplish the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the authorized officers shall have full authority with respect to the conduct of said accounts and the performance of said contracts, agreements, confirmations, instruments or other agreements related to the Transaction, including, without limitation, the authority to give written or oral instructions to the Bank with respect to the Transaction; to bind and obligate the Church to and for the carrying out of any contract, arrangement, or transaction entered into by any such officer on behalf of the Church with or through the Bank related to the Transaction; to direct the payment by check or draft drawn upon the funds of the Church such sums as may be necessary in connection with any of the said accounts related to the Transaction; to deposit funds with the Bank; to affix the corporate seal to any agreement or other document related to the Transaction; to sign for and on behalf of the Church all releases, authorizations, powers of attorney or other documents in connection with the Transaction; and to agree to any terms and conditions to control any such account related to the Transaction; and generally to do and take all action necessary in connection with the Transaction, or considered desirable by said officers with respect thereto. The motion carried.

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 efforts of the Strategic Planning Committee and how it will become more and more important. He looks forward to sharing lots of information.

Pastor Brock stated the *Churches Starting Churches Conference* offered good ideas on ways to expand the ministry.

Mr. Couch reported on the Child Abuse Mandated Reporting workshop that was held. He explained that there will be additional clearances required for those working with children and youth.

Mr. Koch stated that he expects 900 people to attend the Diane Bish concert. He noted that this will be a great concert.

Mr. Fox reported that the recent Youth Group retreat which focused on “Trust,” was one of their best. This year there is an increase in the number of younger kids.

The Expression of Faith concert on May 4 went well, and the kids were great. Ms. Wilson is now focusing on the summer concerts.

Ms. Collins attended a stewardship event in New Windsor, Maryland, at the Lutheran World Relief Warehouse. She led the senior retreat. She is working with the Publicity and Communications Committee on the church directory process. She handed out flyers asking the council members to make appointments on line for pictures to be taken by Olan Mills. She noted that at this time there has been no decision how the directories will be made. Mr. Fidler suggested a loose leaf type of binder and volunteered to be on the team to develop the directories.

President’s Report: President Frymoyer made mention of the property Trinity has in York County and noted that the value of the piece of property was not worth what we originally thought. At this time, Trinity will be doing nothing with the property.

President Frymoyer mentioned three critical events which will take place over the next five years. (1) The Capital Campaign, (2) vision of our ministry, and (3) the retirement of Pastor Hardy. He noted that we will have an interim pastor for at least one year. He also added that he would like the new pastor to work in the molding of some of these issues.

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee approved a loan to Marianne Brock from the Educational Loan Fund in the amount of \$1265 for classes at Gettysburg Seminary.

### Reports of Special Committees:

Healthy Church Task Force: Mr. Fidler asked if the task force should be disbanded in the light of the formation of the Strategic Planning Committee. Council members agreed.

Strategic Planning Committee: Mr. Bonsall reminded everyone of the Visioning Workshop to be held on May 31, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m.

Mr. Foos gave his layout and vision of the planning process. He stated that right now they are in the middle of data collection, which will lead to a plan. The collection of data should close out mid-month but they will continue to take input after that. After the workshop, a vision will be developed in order to provide a mission statement. The mission statement is the guide and it will need to be developed and refined. It will need to answer who, what, when, why.

The mission statement should be ready for council by September or October, and at that point it must be agreed upon. The next step is to bring the mission statement to the congregation in January, 2009. Once approved, the planning process will begin to determine how we are to execute the mission. By the end of 2009 we should have a good plan for the congregation to approve in January 2010. The implementation of the plan may take 6-12 years. A new capital plan will be needed to mobilize finances to support the plan. Mr. Foos welcomes all to be a part of this process.

### Reports of Standing Committees:

Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee: Mr. Ackerman's report is on file. Mr. Ackerman noted that expenditures are exceeding receipts for April. The year-end excess receipts over expenditures in the amount of \$4600 have not been designated.

Administration and Personnel Committee: Mr. Erdman's report is on file. Mr. Erdman mentioned the two items under new business. He asked that all committees submit their updated policy pages as soon as possible.

Arts Committee: No Meeting.

Church Property Committee: Mr. Foos' report is on file. Mr. Foos reported that proposals have been requested for the portico repair work. He anticipates receiving the bids by the end of next week. Once the bids are received he plans to come to council for approval. The permit process for demolition of the house at 1915 Market Street is underway. The decision is to make the property green space.

Educational Ministry Committee: No Meeting. Pastor Brock mentioned the Affirmation of Baptism Class dinner which will be held June 4 at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Mr. Couch or the church office if you plan to attend.

Evangelism: Ms. Knarr's report is on file. She noted there are 39 new members to be received on Sunday.

Fellowship Committee: Ms. Wilson's/Ms. Henderson's report is on file. Mr. Bonsall reminded council of the celebration of Pastor Hardy's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination which will be held on June 1. He asked council members to sign up and volunteer to bring food items for the celebration.

Missions Committee: No Meeting.

Parish Ministry Committee: No Meeting.

Publicity and Communications: Mr. Weaver's report is on file. Mention was made of the exciting work that he and Ms. Collins are doing with Trinity's website.

Social Ministry Committee: Mr. Freund's report is on file. Mr. Freund noted the Social Ministry Committee is in the processing of updating their policy page.

Stewardship Committee: Mr. Fidler's report is on file. Mr. Fidler asked the council members to consider giving in an automated way. His goal is to double the number of members who are giving by using Simply Giving or credit card.

Worship Committee: No Meeting. Ms. Eavey noted the meeting will be held tomorrow night.

Youth Ministry Committee: No meeting. President Frymoyer noted Mr. Schwalm will be the liaison to Youth Ministry.

Reports of Auxiliaries: No report.

### **Continuing Service**

#### Informal Session:

Mr. Freund distributed the Social Ministry Highlights and reviewed it with council.

Mr. Bonsall invited all council members to attend the Christian Churches United Annual Spring Assembly, Monday, May 19.

#### Unfinished Business:

#### New Business:

MOTION: Bylaws of Trinity

Mr. Erdman moved that the Bylaws of Trinity Church be amended in accordance with Chapter 14, Bylaws of Trinity Church's Constitution to delete from Bylaws Section 6, Committees paragraph 4.d "and shall be responsible for the purchase and care of musical instruments and choir vestments". The motion carried.

MOTION: Spiritual Gift Coord. Mr. Erdman moved that the Congregation Council of Trinity Church affirms their support for the position of Spiritual Gifts Coordinator and recommends the calling of Judy Collins as an Associate in Ministry to continue in that position. Further, Congregation council call a meeting of the Congregation for the purpose of granting the authority to call Judy Collins to serve Trinity Church. The motion carried.

MOTION: Membership Ms. Knarr moved to approved the following for membership: Bryan Bowman; Lewis and Marsha Bowman; Edward and Romaine Boyanowski; Tom, Elizabeth, Emily, Erin, and Steven Bucher; Judy Collins; John, Benjamin, and Alexander Feeman; Jennifer and Claire Harget; Edwin and Judith Jackson; Nicholas and Brenda Kaczmarek; Donna, Joseph, Ericka, and Shane Kubik; Shannon O’Neill and Lilly Costill; Brianne Ordelt and Bryan Reed; Aimee, Eric, Gabrielle, Ethan, and Evan Patterson; Catherine, Thomas, Jacob, and Emily Trump; Gregory and Noah Weaver. The motioned carried.

MOTION: Luther Men in Mission Mr. Fiddler moved that the Lutheran Men in Mission be permitted to hold a “yard sale” on the lower parking lot, Saturday September 20, from 8-12:00, with rain date at the discretion of the group, for the purpose of reimbursing funds to the LMM broad members in their expenses to attend the national Lutheran Men in Mission Workshop to be held in Omaha, Nebraska august 21-September 3. The motion carried.

MOTION: Habitat for Humanity Mr. Freund moved that council approve a special solicitation from habitat for Humanity including posters, announcements and a special envelope in Trinity Today. The motion carried.

MOTION: Capital Campaign Theme Mr. Ackerman moved to proceed with the 2008-2011 Capital Campaign Theme in honor of Pastor J. Stewart Hardy as presented in letter from the Capital Campaign Committee. Concern was expressed about the Capital Campaign process. Questions were raised about the results of the last campaign; how much was pledged, how much received? Council members would like to receive regular Capital Campaign reports. The motion carried

MOTION: Education Assistance Request

Mr. Bonsall moved to approve a loan in the amount of \$1,265.00 and to approve the annual 20% loan forgiveness to begin immediately., i.e. 20%, April 25, 2009 for Marianne Brock. The motion carried. Pastor Brock abstained.

**Comments for the good of the order:**

Ms. Martin requested all committee chairs complete the calendar for the upcoming year.

Ms. Martin requested all committee chair give her their updated policy pages so appropriate formatting can be done.

Pastor Brock informed everyone Barbara Pond Barry graduated from seminary and has been assigned to the Virginia Synod. She currently does not have a call and council members were asked to remember her in their prayers

**Dismissal:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Council members joined hands and prayed together The Lord's Prayer.

Maria Hegedus, secretary

Nancy Martin, assistant to the secretary