

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING
September 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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	Peter Fox	Roland Freund
Bob Frymoyer	Pastor Hardy	Maria Hegedus
Tim Koch	Vicar Korte	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 Mr. Bonsall opened the meeting with small group discussions on two scriptures, Mark 9:35 and 1 Corinthians 4:1. Hymn Number 696 was sung. Mr. Bonsall also distributed literature titled "Servant Leadership for Congregations."

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

Recognition of visitors: Mr. Jeff Weaver was present.

Approval of minutes: Mr. Foos moved to approve the minutes of June 9, 2008. The motion passed.

Agreement on Agenda: Mr. Freund stated he would like to propose a motion under his report.

Offering of our Gifts and Talents

Petitions and Communications:

Pastor Hardy received a thank you letter from the ELCA for our gifts to the World Hunger Appeal. He also received a thank you letter from Roland Rice of the Lower Susquehanna Synod for exceeding our benevolence commitment for 2007.

Jocelyn Tress has requested the use of Trinity's facilities for an event to benefit the American Cancer Society. The function will be held November 9 and the cost of tickets for this event will be either \$30.00 or \$35.00. There will also be a silent auction. The policies regarding Trinity

hosting a fund raising event were researched and the council discussed allowing the use of the facilities for this event with the understanding that future requests will be decided on an individual basis. This decision does not apply to any other organizations.

MOTION: Mr. Freund moved to approve the use of the facility for the proposed fund raiser for the American Cancer Society.

AMENDMENT: Mr. Ackerman moved to amend the motion to add “pursuant to pertinent Trinity Policy Pages to be included with the contract.” The amendment carried.

Mr. Frymoyer asked Mr. Erdman, Administration and Personnel Committee chair, to review the policy pages and make sure the appropriate documents are included.

It was noted that the event will be charged the appropriate member fees and a contract be written to release Trinity of all obligations and responsibilities. The main motion carried as amended.

Mr. Bonsall received a communication from Mr. Hanneman representing the Lutheran Camp Corporation. Mr. Hanneman request a time to present information to the council concerning the “Imagine” Campaign. Council agreed that he make a presentation at the October 13 meeting. The start time for the October 13 council meeting will be 6:45 p.m. to allow enough time for the presentation and the council meeting. It was suggested that he be invited to make a presentation to the congregation on October 19 during Sunday Church School.

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 thanked Ms. Martin for talking him into taking a vacation. He also expressed appreciation to Ms. Martin and the support staff for working so hard during the summer months.

Pastor Brock noted he will be out of town next weekend for a family wedding. He also reported that in two weeks he will be at the Project Connect Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, serving as a Discernment Advocate.

Mr. Couch reported the success of this year’s Vacation Church School and credited Ms. Amy Koch for her wonderful leadership which included good training sessions. He also reported that he is inquiring within the Synod to become a diaconal minister. He believes that this will help him do his job here more effectively.

Mr. Koch reported that since the rehearsals of children’s choirs were moved to Sunday afternoon the numbers have grown dramatically.

Mr. Fox mentioned the youth are planning to register and make travel arrangements for the upcoming National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. He asked everyone to keep them in their prayers.

Ms. Collins mentioned there were 540 sittings with Olan Mills for the directory. At-home members also had their pictures taken. Many volunteers helped with this project. The projected date for receiving the directory is January. Ms. Collins has received 240 Discipleship Opportunity forms, although only two were from council members. She will provide council members and committee chairs updated lists of people who are interested in volunteering and asked members of the council to please use the names provided.

Vicar Korte said Trinity has done a wonderful job in making her feel welcomed.

President's Report: President Frymoyer thanked everyone for their participation in discussion. He appreciates the diversity and richness in our approach to our ministries in witnessing to Christ at Trinity. A work group has been created to plan the events to recognize Pastor Hardy's retirement. They are Mr. Erdman, Mr. Bonsall, Mr. Schwalm, Ms. Martin, Mrs. Barbara Kriebel and himself. Mr. Fox has been asked to recommend a youth participant. They plan to meet next week.

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee approved the installation of LED lighting for the Nave for small group and soloist performances. The cost for this lighting will be approximately \$3,800.00 and funds will come from the Hendricks estate. Mr. Koch noted this is needed because of the inadequate lighting on the chancel steps.

Reports of Special Committees:

Capital Campaign: President Frymoyer reported that \$440,000 in pledges have been received leaving the debt at approximately \$1,400,000. The Capital Campaign will continue to inform the congregation including using the Trinity Today.

Strategic Planning Committee: Mr. Foos handed out the Strategic Planning Committee's draft vision and mission statement, including the guiding principals. The committee plans to meet tomorrow, and the goal is to present formal documents at the October council meeting.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee: Mr. Ackerman's report is on file. Two packets were received this month; monthly reports and quarterly reports. This detail breakdown will be received on a quarterly basis. Actual receipts are approximately \$18,000 behind where we should be at this time. We may be under budget by the end of the year if we don't make up the shortfall.

Funds totally \$370,000 have been invested in the ELCA Endowment Fund. Funds are in several banks to ensure that we have \$100,000 or less in each facility.

Administration and Personnel Committee: Mr. Erdman's report is on file. Joann Fetrow has successfully completed 500 hours of employment through the temp agency and has accepted the offer of a permanent position. Mr. Erdman asked the members to stop by and congratulate her.

Arts Committee: No Meeting. The Arts Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Church Property Committee: Mr. Foos' report is on file. The portico repair work is almost done. The request to demolish the house at 1915 Market Street was turned down by the Camp Hill Borough. We are submitting an alternative use permit to the board in October, and ask the people who live in Camp Hill to contact board members to support the removal of the building to make it a green space.

Educational Ministry Committee: No Meeting.

Evangelism: Ms. Knarr's: No meeting. Ms. Knarr said they are planning a pot luck lunch for the next new member's class.

Fellowship Committee: Ms. Wilson's/Ms. Henderson's report is on file. Mr. Bonsall reported that the Fellowship Committee met over the summer due to all of the events that were scheduled. He noted 52 people attended the play at the Dutch Apple Theater this past Saturday and they will host a pot luck dinner for the new members. He suggested the committee chairs who don't have time to meet with the new members during the scheduled classes, can meet with them informally at the pot luck dinner to let the new members know more about the various committees.

Missions Committee: No Meeting. Mr. Balasundram mentioned the proposed mission trip to Camden, New Jersey.

Parish Ministry Committee: No Meeting.

Publicity and Communications: No Meeting. Mr. Weaver spoke about the possibility of obtaining an LCD large panel screen to display what is going on at Trinity. This would be situated on the wall in the Gathering Space below the office windows. The committee believes this would serve as a good means of communication.

Social Ministry Committee: Mr. Freund's report is on file. Pastor Hardy attended their July committee meeting and encouraged them to look for a major project for 2009 and to concentrate the finances and resources in this specific area. Mr. Freund investigated New Hope Ministries who are in the process of moving into the West Shore area.

Mr. Freund reported that Bethesda Mission Sunday is October 26 and they have requested Trinity's participation.

MOTION: Mr. Freund moved Whereas Trinity supports Bethesda Mission with a line-item budget contribution, and whereas Bethesda Mission has appealed to Trinity to participate in "Bethesda Sunday" on October 26th, 2008, be it resolved that Trinity participate in "Bethesda Sunday" to enable members to make above budget contributions to the Bethesda appeal. After much discussion, the motion was defeated.

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

Worship Committee: Mr. Weaver's report is on file. Mr. Weaver gave a brief overview of the Worship Committee which deals with the entire worship life of the congregation.

Youth Ministry Committee: No meeting. The youth are preparing for the National Youth Gathering to be held next summer in New Orleans.

Reports of Auxiliaries: No report.

Continuing Service

Informal Session:

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

MOTION: Ms. Foos moved that an additional expenditure of \$3,000 be added to the K.S. Heagy contract to allow for the removal of the existing sidewalk and replace with top-soil located at the right-hand side of the church entrance at the Market Street side of the building. Funds to come from Property Committee line-item 63010, Maintenance and Repair. The motion carried.

Comments for the good of the order:

Dismissal: The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. Council members joined hands and prayed together The Lord's Prayer.

Maria Hegedus, secretary

Nancy Martin, assistant to the secretary