

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING
October 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Doug Bonsall.

The following council members were present:

Daryl Ackerman	Pastor Brock	Judy Collins
Christopher Couch	Kathy Eavey	Craig Erdman
Joe Fidler	Bill Foos	Roland Freund
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:

Mr. Foos opened the meeting with devotion and prayer. Hymn Number 413 was sung.

Roll Call and action on requests for absence: Mr. Fidler moved to excuse President Frymoyer, Mr. Fox, and Mr. Balasundram per their requests. The motion carried. Mr. Koch was also absent.

Recognition of visitors: Mr. Hanemann and Ms. Haar were present.

Approval of minutes: Mr. Erdman moved to approve the minutes of September 8, 2008. The motion passed.

Agreement on Agenda: There may be an additional motion from the Educational Ministry Committee.

Presentation by the Lutheran Camping Corporation:

Vice President Bonsall introduced Mr. Herm Hanemann to the council. Mr. Hanemann spoke to the council members concerning the expansion of Camp Nawakwa and showed a video of what the camp is all about and how it affects the lives of others. Also, a brochure was handed out. The Camping Corporation has purchased property contiguous to the camp at a cost of between \$1.4 and \$1.5 million. A three-year capital campaign, *Imagine*, has begun and Trinity is asked to consider a commitment. Mr. Hanemann will give a presentation at 9:30 in the Naïve this coming Sunday, October 19, 2008.

The Finance Committee will develop a recommendation to present to council concerning

Trinity's participation in the campaign

Ms. Haar gave a presentation to council on the role of the Arts Committee. She mentioned the art display in the Gathering Space is scheduled until January, 2009; how the guidelines of what type of art the committee will accept were updated, and how the committee is responsible for hosting receptions after concert series. She also noted the committee accepted a piece of art from Craig Staller and the Missions Committee. The committee is responsible for overseeing the purchase and maintenance of instruments and choir robes. New choir robes are being considered this year.

Offering of our Gifts and Talents

Petitions and Communications:

A letter was received from Christ Lutheran Church, South Harrisburg thanking Trinity for support of their medical outreach ministry on Allison Hill.

Trinity also received a letter from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg expressing appreciation for our internship program and support of Vicar Cheri Korte.

Staff Reports: Reports were received from Pastor Hardy, Pastor Brock, Pastor Easton, Christopher Couch, Tim Koch, Peter Fox, Debbie Wilson, and Judy Collins.

Pastor Hardy stated he had nothing to add.

Pastor Brock reported that Mr. Fox got married this past weekend. He also reminded everyone of next year's national youth gathering and encouraged everyone to support the pasta night. Pastor Brock stated that he was at the Enney son's wedding in California and he was glad to be there when Becky received the bad news of the passing of mother.

Mr. Couch informed the council Sup and Study starts Wednesday and he is waiting for the last minute registration. He encouraged all members of council to join the financial planning session, especially on the 29th when Judge Francis speaks.

Ms. Collins mentioned the 2009 Discipleship Opportunities forms and her amazement at how many people volunteered. She was thankful to hear from the people who volunteered that they did receive calls to serve. She will be teaching a Sunday Church School class in November. Vice President Bonsall reminded council members to submit their discipleship opportunity form.

President's Report: No report.

Executive Committee: No actions taken.

Reports of Special Committees:

Capital Campaign: No report.

Strategic Planning Committee: Mr. Foos will distribute the revised mission statement, vision statement, and guiding principles via email next week. Each committee will be asked to write a mission statement supporting the congregation mission statement. The council will discuss the material in November with a goal of approving a final draft in December. It will then go to the congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting in January. Vice President Bonsall stated additional details will be provided later. Mr. Ackerman noted that the vision statement is on the front page of the website. Pastor Hardy suggested parenthesis after the vision statements stating something to the effect “this is what we are considering as our vision” and provide a link to the supporting document. Mr. Schwalm will get contact Jeff Weaver to add this statement.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Treasurer’s Report and Finance Committee: Mr. Ackerman’s report is on file. Mr. Ackerman noted the operating fund at the end of September shows a positive net income. However, we are lagging behind where we should be. He envisions that if things remain the same we will be \$20,000 under projections. Budget information has been provided to all committee chairs. Keep mission in mind and see where your program should go in order to move into 2009. Will have to also consider giving and stewardship program to determine what we are capable of doing.

Administration and Personnel Committee: Mr. Erdman’s report is on file. They have prepared a model contract to use as necessary.

Arts Committee: Ms. Haar’s report is on file. Mrs. Hegedus mentioned the Arts Committee accepted two sculptures from Ron Laubenstine and is working with the Property Committee for the placement of these sculptures.

Church Property Committee: Mr. Foos’ report is on file. He informed council of the various functions of the Property Committee. The committee has various sub-committees including Church Inspection, Insurance & Contracts, Kitchen, Information Technology, and Landscaping. The Information Technology sub-committee is currently inactive. There are several special project managers: Mr. Dan Reed, handy man; Mr. John Artevich, electrical work; Mr. Les Bishop, 1915 Market Street Property; and Mr. Sid Myers, Portico.

In September, the 1915 Market Street sub-committee submitted an alternative use permit to the Camp Hill Borough Council to have the structure removed. The committee has been notified by the borough that consideration of this appeal has been rescheduled to November.

Educational Ministry Committee: No Meeting. Mr. Couch informed council about the background of the rotational Sunday Church School class and their monthly support for those in need. The November and December needs are holiday oriented. The rotation class would like to ask the congregation for donations of Christmas wrapping paper in November and slightly used stuffed animals for the month of December. They would like to relay this information in the *Trinity Today*.

MOTION: Ms. Eavey moved to solicit the congregation through the *Trinity Parish* for additional items in support of the rotational class projects in November and December. The motion carried.

Evangelism: No meeting. Ms. Knarr reminded council of the pot luck lunch for the new member's class on October 19, and asked council to attend.

MOTION: Ms. Knarr moved to approve the following for membership. Mark, Meg, Grace and Liam Anderson; Doris Broude; Francis, Patricia, Alex, Ryan, and Amanda Garber; David Harrington; Jonathan, Jennifer, Cora, and Ellie Heilman; Allison Martin; Jacob Miller; James Roberts; Robert, Megan, Sydney, and Thomas Robertson; Debra Savidge; Todd, Kimberly, Rachel, and Andrew Sellers; Marian Semoff; Sean, Melissa, Tristan, and Genevieve Taylor; Amy Taylor-Avery, and Caroline, and Juliana Avery-Prokop; Joshua and Kathryn Thomas; Robert and Cynthia Weise; Roger Wolf. The motion passed.

Fellowship Committee: No meeting. Mr. Bonsall mentioned the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. He stated that in addition to feeding the congregation, they have outreach programs planned for the various food pantries, Trinity at-home members and meals on wheels.

Missions Committee: No Meeting.

Parish Ministry Committee: Ms. Sprowls' report is on file. Mr. Schwalm noted that they are working on their policy page.

Publicity and Communications: No Meeting.

Social Ministry Committee: Mr. Freund's report is on file. Mr. Freund informed council their next meeting is for tomorrow night.

Stewardship Committee: Mr. Fidler's report is on file. Mr. Fidler thanked Pastor Hardy for his article on stewardship in the *Trinity Parish*. He stated that a letter will be sent out in regards to giving and the options of giving. He also noted the noted the Wednesday Sup and Study class on Financial Freedom and reported that the bankruptcy judge will be making a presentation on the 29th.

Robin Fero, Mary Ann Landis, and Judy Collins will be giving Temple Talks the three Sundays prior to Stewardship Sunday, November 9. The Rev. Dr. Theodore F. Schneider will be the guest preacher.

Worship Committee: Mr. Weaver's report is on file. Ms. Eavey reported that the live trees used to decorate the nave will be replaced with artificial trees. Those attending the Thanksgiving Eve Service will be asked to bring canned goods. On Palm Sunday we will be using fair trade palms. Usher training was held on October 11.

Mrs. Martin reminded council of the change in how the offering is collected. There will be no change for the head greeter. The ushers will take the money to the head greeter and they will both take the money to the safe. Also, the bags will be located in the sacristy hallway. Mr. Schwalm noted that he will be unable to be the head greeter in November.

Youth Ministry Committee: No meeting. Mr. Schwalm reminded council to support the youth Pasta Night fund raiser.

Reports of Auxiliaries: No report.

Continuing Service

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business.

New Business:

MOTION: Education Committee Mrs. Eavey moved to appoint Jack Bush as the chairperson of the Educational Ministry Committee. The motion carried.

MOTION: Fund Raiser Mr. Freund moved that Trinity participate in the ministry of Churches Affiliated Child Care Center and approve the Social Ministry's sale of Bon-Ton Coupons and the sale of the Advent Calendars to benefit CACCC, after each service on October 24, 26 and November 1, 2. The motion carried

MOTION: December 26 Closing Mr. Erdman moved to approve designating Trinity Church as "closed" for December 26, 2008. The motion carried.

MOTION: New Fountain Mr. Foos moved for authorization to spend up to but not to exceed \$3,000 to support the purchase and installation costs of a new water fountain to replace the broken one located in the basement hallway outside the choir room. The motion carried.

Comments for the good of the order:

Mrs. Martin reminded everyone that annual reports are due November 30.

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