

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania

**MINUTES OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING  
January 12, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Bob Frymoyer.

The following council members were present:

Doug Bonsall	Pastor Brock	Christopher Couch
Judy Collins	Craig Erdman	Kathy Eavey
Joe Fidler	Bill Foos	Peter Fox
Roland Freund	Bob Frymoyer	Pastor Hardy
Maria Hegedus	Betsy Knarr	Tim Koch

**Gathering in God's Grace:**

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

Ms. Knarr lit the candle and Pastor Brock opened with devotions. Hymn number 815, "I Want to Walk as a Child of God" was sung.

Roll Call and action on requests for absence: Mr. Erdman moved to excuse Messrs. Ackerman, Balasundram, Schwalm and Ms. Martin per their request. The motion carried.

Recognition of visitors: Vicar Korte and Ms. Barbara Kriebel were present.

Approval of minutes: Mr. Freund moved to approve the minutes of December 15, 2008. The motion passed. President Frymoyer wanted to clarify last month's minutes in regard to the Agora Charter Cyber School. He stated the Administration and Personnel and Property Committees have not been able to meet in regard to this issue. President Frymoyer also stated that Ms. Martin was in contact with the charter school and the school is also looking at other schools in the area. Agora Charter School also utilizes 4 other churches.

Agreement on Agenda:

**Offering of our Gifts and Talents**

Petitions and Communications:

President Frymoyer referenced a letter from the Borough of Camp Hill's Market Street Design Review Board and reported that they denied Trinity in respect to the demolition for a number of reasons. He stated that Mr. Eisenhower suggested that Trinity should go back before the review board with additional information. Mr. Eisenhower does not believe the appeal process to the borough council will be in our favor. The borough wishes Trinity to retain the building as a business. It was suggested by Pastor Hardy to utilize this facility as a religious prayer service site or possibly sell the site. It was noted selling the site will require a congregation meeting. Messrs. Bonsall, Foos, Frymoyer and Pastor Hardy will meet at a later date to discuss the next step.

President Frymoyer referenced a letter from Central Pennsylvania Suzuki Flute and String Association asking to use the church facilities on March 28, 2009 to hold a concert. They will be charging a donation fee of \$5.00 per person.

MOTION: Mr. Erdman moved to allow the Central Pennsylvania Suzuki Flute and String Association to charge \$5.00 a person to defray the cost of the facility. The motion carried.

Committee Emphasis:

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 everyone for their efforts to make the Christmas event a memorable event and also for the great year.

Pastor Brock mentioned the Brocks have clean running water.

Mr. Couch handed out a flyer of the worship and learning opportunities available at Trinity.

Mr. Fox informed council Souper Bowl Sunday will take place February 1<sup>st</sup>. The youth will be collecting money and non-perishable food items after the church services.

Ms. Collins will be serving as coordinator for the Affirmation of Faith Classes. She also noted Mr. Weaver will be working with her to accomplish this task. Difficulty in scheduling flower delivery volunteers resulted in the development of a pilot program which has been very successful. Ms. Collins reported that she will be installed as an associate in ministry this Sunday, January 18, 2009, at the 11:00 service.

Mr. Bonsall circulated a sign-up sheet for council members to volunteer to assist with the Garden of Eatin for Ms. Collins' installation.

President's Report: (Dispersed throughout these minutes)

Executive Committee: No actions

Reports of Special Committees:

Strategic Planning Committee: Mr. Foos reported that an informational brief will be given to the congregation at it's annual meeting. Mr. Foos talked about the process. The goal is to have a mission statement approved by the Strategic Planning Committee and then by council at its February meeting so that it can be presented to the congregation soon thereafter at a special congregation meeting.

Pinchot Property Task Force: Ms. Kriebel reported to the council regarding the property Trinity received in 1963 near Pinchot Park. She informed council it was decided to do a survey to know the value of the property. It was noted there is no road frontage on the property which devalues the property. She informed the council Hartman and Associations is conducting the appraisal and the company is fully aware of the background and history of the land that L.B. Smith family owns nearby. Ms. Kriebel also noted this is the best time for the survey since leaves are down and they anticipate the survey to be done

before spring. Ms. Kriebel said she will be working with the Property Committee when the survey is received.

Transition Team Task Force: Pastor Hardy reported Pastor David Fisher and Mr. Frank Leber will meet with staff on February 4. He asked President Elect Bonsall and Mr. Erdman to attend. Pastor Hardy also stated the interim pastor is provided by the Synod and a call process for the permanent Pastor will begin in 2010.

Pastor Hardy Retirement Planning Task Force: Ms. Kreibel, co-chair, updated the council. The major celebratory event will be held on Saturday, January 16 (his last Sunday being January 17). They plan to have a special Saturday evening service after a reception. On the three Sundays previous (3, 10, 17), Pastor Hardy will be in the library during Sunday School hour for those who wish to congratulate him. On November 8, 2009, Mr. Koch will present a concert in tribute to Pastor Hardy, scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Ms. Kreibel emphasized the task force's wish to coordinate what individuals and committees wish to do for Pastor Hardy so there is no duplication. President Frymoyer also noted the gift to Pastor Hardy will be the Capital Campaign.

Capital Campaign: President Frymoyer informed everyone the Capital Campaign debt is now at \$1.3M thanks to generous giving throughout 2008.

#### Reports of Standing Committees:

Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee: Mr. Ackerman's report is on file. President Frymoyer reported on the Capital Campaign's performance. He highlighted that 30.1% of the money received is from people who do not pledge and he noted the "Highest offering" under the funds total. He mentioned this was part of the \$100,000 donated which Trinity is receiving in thirds.

Administration and Personnel Committee: No Meeting. Mr. Erdman made reference to the last report in regard to the proper committee to oversee Men in Mission and Women of Trinity. If there are any suggestions in regards to this, please see him.

Arts Committee: No Meeting.

Church Property Committee: No Meeting. The next meeting will be at the end of the month.

Educational Ministry Committee: No Meeting. Mr. Couch noted the next meeting is scheduled for the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Evangelism: No Meeting. Ms. Knarr informed council of the First Time Visitors booth that was undertaken as a suggestion of Vicar Korte. Pastor Brock noted that Ms. Knarr and her father designed the booth. The new member's class has started and she would appreciate council members attending.

Fellowship Committee: No Meeting. Mr. Bonsall stated they continue to monitor of the Garden of Eatin.

Missions Committee: No Meeting. Pastor Brock mentioned the sermon that was given by Pastor Roger Prois. Mr. Couch also noted there will be special mission classes each week during the Sunday Church School Hour.

Parish Ministry Committee: No Meeting.

Publicity and Communications: No Meeting. President Frymoyer, acting chair, noted that Mr. Schwalm and Ms. Graybill will co-chair P&C. It was also noted that he and Joe Hunter have updated the policy page for the committee's consideration. The committee will meet next on January 10.

Social Ministry Committee: Mr. Freund's report is on file. Mr. Freund mentioned that they have not met since last meeting, and the committee's next meeting is the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Stewardship Committee: No meeting. Mr. Fidler mentioned Trinity received 460 pledges and historically the average is 506. They received eight more pledges than he anticipated.

Worship Committee: Mr. Weaver's report is on file. Ms. Eavey wanted to bring special attention to the report Mr. Weaver provided regarding the web hits Trinity received.

Youth Ministry Committee: No meeting.

Incoming President's Report: President Elect Bonsall noted all committee chairs have been filled. He also noted he has appointed council liaisons with the committees. There is an orientation dinner for council scheduled for Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> in part to go over the policy manual and to explain Trinity's Finance Reports. President Elect Bonsall also noted that serving on council is a way to use your gifts and he would like to make it as fulfilling as possible. He plans to expand the spiritual devotions using the Lutheran Magazine.

Reports of Auxiliaries: No report.

### **Continuing Service**

#### Informal Session:

Mr. Foos wishes to post business and contract services on the website and bulletin, which is under consideration by the Administration and Personnel Committee.

President Frymoyer noted that this is the last meeting for Mr. Fidler, Ms. Hegedus, and himself. That, looking at the new chairs for 2008, a lot has been accomplished. He thanked everyone for their continued service. He made final remarks, and read an article on what it means to be a Lutheran which he believes defines his experiences in serving Christ's mission at Trinity.

#### Unfinished Business:

#### New Business:

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

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

Maria Hegedus, secretary