

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Camp Hill, Pennsylvania**  
**MINUTES OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 20, 2009**

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

The following council members were present:

Doug Bonsall	Roland Freund	Reuben Balasundram
Pastor John Brock	Ryan Hannigan	Peter Fox
Judy Collins	Pastor J. Stewart Hardy	Kathy Eavey
Craig Erdman	Betsy Knarr	Lorraine Graybill
Bill Foos	Dave Miller	

**Gathering in God's Grace:**

**Opening Devotions:** Doug Bonsall led the opening devotions focusing on the article "Faith During Economic Strife" from the March 2009 issue of *The Lutheran*.

Roll Call and action on requests for absence: Mr. Hannigan moved to excuse Mike Schwalm, Daryl Ackerman, Nancy Martin, Tim Koch, and Christopher Couch per their requests. The motion carried.

Recognition of visitors: Bishop Guy Edmiston and Vicar Cheri Korte

Approval of minutes: Kathy Eavey moved to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2009, meeting as read. The motion carried.

Agreement on Agenda: Ms. Eavey has an item to bring up under the Worship Committee. Mr. Bonsall will add the Strategic Planning Committee right after the Executive Committee on tonight's agenda

**Offering of our Gifts and Talents**

Petitions and Communications: There were none.

Information concerning providing pastoral services to Trinity Lutheran Church, South Harrisburg by Bishop Guy Edmiston: Trinity - South Harrisburg initiated a request for Trinity – Camp Hill to provide pastoral care to their small congregation of about 20 to 25 worshippers. They have 1 service on Sunday mornings, and one on Good Friday, and Christmas Eve. They have 5 homebound members. Bishop Edmiston would coordinate Sunday morning preaching, home communion, and hospital visits. Trinity – South Harrisburg will pay Trinity – Camp Hill \$15,000 for a year of services. The agreement would run for 1 year, with a 30 day notice required for termination. From the \$15,000 stipend, each pastor would receive \$110 (standard synod fee for Supply Pastors) for each Sunday service plus travel expenses. Available supply preachers from our staff would be Pastor Brock, Judy Collins, the Vicar, and Bishop Edmiston.

Vicar's project by Vicar Cheri Korte: A labyrinth (a meditation path to help people "center" their walk with God), is what the Vicar has chosen as her project. It is an ecumenical plan involving the churches in Camp Hill Borough. The path would be built on the property of Mount Calvary Episcopal Church, leading over to Willow Park. It would cover 30 square feet and be made of cobblestone and concrete dust. The Vicar has already spoken with the Borough, and, of course, Mt. Calvary. The cost would range from \$5,000 to \$8,500. Once the pathway is built, Mt. Calvary has agreed to maintain it.

#### Staff Reports:

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

Pastor Brock noted that as a Discernment Advocate for "Project Connect" (an organization that encourages people 18 to 30 years old to consider a career in ministry), he has been asked to present a memorial to the Synod Assembly regarding positive action to reach-out to minorities.

Peter Fox wants to remind everyone to bring a dirty car to the Youth Group's car wash on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Judy Collins noted that Discipleship Opportunity forms are now being included in our church bulletins, and that she received about 2 dozen responses in the first week. Roland Freund congratulated Ms. Collins on receiving the "2009 Woman of the Year Award" from the Elizabethtown Business and Professional Women Club.

President's Report: Mr. Bonsall's report is on file.

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee took the following action since the last Council Meeting: Approved the recommendation of the Property Committee to place Trinity's General Liability/Umbrella insurance policy with the Selective Insurance Company. The insurance broker of record for the policy is Murray Risk Management and Insurance Company. This policy will replace the current coverage with Ohio Casualty.

Strategic Planning Committee: Mr. Foos encouraged everyone to read the Strategic Planning Committee's mission statement and guiding principals. The committee hopes to become a Standing Committee perhaps making a motion during Council's May meeting.

Mr. Foos reminded committee chairs to submit their new mission statements to the Strategic Planning Committee before submitting them for approval at Council.

#### Reports of Standing Committees:

Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee: Mr. Ackerman's report is on file.

Dave Miller noted that the "giving" coming in is around budget.

Administration and Personnel Committee: Mr. Erdman's report is on file. Mr. Erdman reminded everyone that on May 17<sup>th</sup>, A&P will be sponsoring the Garden of Eatin' II in honor of Peter Fox's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Trinity.

Arts Committee: Ms. Haar's report is on file.

Church Property Committee: Mr. Foos' report is on file. Mr. Foos provided an update on the property at 1915 Market Street, Camp Hill. Demolition has been granted. First we must have the house inspected for hazardous materials. If none, we will be granted the permit immediately. If there is any hazardous material, it must be removed before we receive the demolition permit.

Educational Ministry Committee: Mr. Bush's report is on file. Ms. Eavey reminded everyone that the Koninia Rally is being held on Wednesday, April 22 in Fellowship Hall.

Evangelism: Ms. Knarr's report is on file.

Fellowship Committee: Ms. Wilson and Ms. Henderson's report is on file.

Missions Committee: Mr. Staller's report is on file. Mr. Balasundram shared that the Bread For the World Letter Writing would be held on Sunday, May 3, and that 12 members of the Missions Committee would be participating on the Missions Trip to Rocky Boy Indian Reservation June 8-15.

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

Publicity and Communications: Mr. Schwalm's report is on file. Ms. Graybill and Ms. Collins noted how our website is reaching out to people everywhere. Ms. Collins mentioned that a woman currently in our Affirmation of Faith (a/k/a "New Members") Class found Trinity's webpage and decided that she must find us!

Social Ministry Committee: Mr. Freund received information from New Hope Ministries. Erie Saunders will be making a presentation during the Sunday School Hour on May 17.

Stewardship Committee: No meeting.

Worship Committee: Mr. Weaver's report is on file.

Ms. Eavey submitted a request to recycle church bulletins. Judy Collins will speak with Nancy Martin about having the Sunday morning receptionist place a blue recycling can near the trash can where people can place their unwanted bulletins.

Mr. Balasundram expressed concern that the "self-denial boxes" that we use during Lent weren't kept secure once they were returned to the church. The head greeters will need to be told what to do with these boxes next Lenten Season.

Youth Ministry Committee: Report included in Mr. Fox's report.

Ministries of the ELCA

Women of Trinity: Ms. Eby's report is on file.

Lutheran Men in Mission: No report

### **Continuing Service**

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

MOTION: Pastoral Services Pastor Hardy moved to approve providing pastoral services to Trinity Lutheran Church, South Harrisburg, beginning May 16, 2009, as laid out in the letter of agreement. Motion carried

MOTION: Labyrinth Mr. Erdman moved to approve Vicar Cheri Korte's project to build a labyrinth with the agreement of and on the property of Mount Calvary Episcopal Church, Camp Hill, and to solicit funds at Trinity to help cover the cost. Motion carried

MOTION: Fredricksen Library Mr. Erdman moved to approve the use of Fellowship Hall by the Fredricksen Library as a rain venue for their outdoor concert on July 24, 7:00-8:30 p.m. for \$1.00. Motion carried

MOTION: 1915 Market Street Mr. Foos moved to authorize Pastor Hardy to coordinate with the Camp Hill Police and Fire Departments their use of the house at 1915 Market Street for training purposes prior to demolition. Motion carried. Pastor Hardy noted that the "Special Response Team" is pleased to have the opportunity to train in a house that's commercial on the ground floor, and residential on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Comments for the good of the order:

Mr. Bonsall requested prayers for the group of 7 who will be going to Upper Arlington Church to see and learn how that church is reaching out and making disciples!

**Dismissal:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m. Council members joined hands and prayed together The Lord's Prayer.

Craig Erdman and Betsy Knarr, acting secretaries