

Trinity Lutheran Church
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania
MINUTES OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING
May 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Craig Erdman.

The following council members and staff were present:

Daryl Ackerman	Jennifer Hammaker	Pastor Glenn Ludwig
Reuben Balasundram	Ryan Hannigan	Dave Miller
Pastor John Brock	Tom Hoffert	Barb Musselman
Craig Erdman	Betsy Knarr	Mike Schwalm
Lorraine Graybill	Tim Koch	Bill Tauriello

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

Gathering in God's Grace:

Opening Devotions: Mr. Miller led devotions based on an article in the April, 2010 issue of *The Lutheran*.

Roll Call and action on requests for absence: Mr. Ackerman moved to excuse Christopher Couch and Judy Collins per their requests. The motion carried.

Recognition of visitors: No visitors were present.

Mr. Hoffert moved to approve the minutes of April 12, 2010. Motion carried. Mr. Hoffert took this opportunity to thank the Missions Committee for donating gift cards for his mission trip, and to the council for their prayers.

Agreement on Agenda: No items were added to the agenda.

Offering of our Gifts and Talents

Petitions and Communications: None received.

Staff Reports:

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

Pastor Ludwig thanked council for affording him the opportunity to attend the Sr. Pastors' Conference. It was a wonderful experience and very worthwhile. Russell Crabtree, author of *Elephant in the Boardroom* was one of the presenters. John Nuñez of Lutheran World Relief, Bishop Mark Hanson, and 50 pastors attended. Pastor Ludwig will not be able to attend the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly in June since he must attend his own synod assembly. He reports that he continues to feel welcome at Trinity and is glad to be serving among us.

Pastor Ludwig led a discussion on chapter 6 of *Temporary Shepherds*. This book deals with interim ministry and he will lead discussions each month. Next month all members should be prepared to discuss chapter 7.

Pastor Brock asked all council members to respond to the invitation to attend the confirmation dinner. There are thirty youth affirming their baptism in June 6. Three of the young people are

not members of Trinity. They will be confirmed for their home congregations who did not have a confirmation class.

Pastor Brock is recommending that Trinity recruit a wedding assistant to be present for weddings and rehearsals. This is especially important when we are hosting a non-member wedding for another congregation. He also would like to have someone available to handle IT requests for groups who use the facility.

In Pastor Easton's report she referred to activities which occurred in July. It was corrected to be April.

In Ms. Collins absence, Ms. Martin highlighted the PLACE course to be held in June. Time and Talent forms were also distributed. Each council member was asked to look at the section which refers to their committee and note any desired changes and return to Ms. Collins. New Time and Talent Forms are being developed to be included with the fall stewardship mailing.

President's Report: Mr. Erdman's report is on file. He reminded all of the joint meeting with the Call Committee on June 28. He also reminded the three council classes of their Garden of Eatin' responsibilities this summer.

Executive Committee: Mr. Schwalm's report is on file.

Leadership and Education:

Special Committees or Task Forces:

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

Going Green Task Force: The Executive Committee approved the members of the Task Force; Margaret Parker, chair, Zandra Bishop, Kathleen McGinty, Karl Hausker, Al Sundara, and Rachel Hettinger.

Transportation Ministry Task Force: No update.

Master Planning Task Force: No update.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee: Mr. Ackerman's report is on file. Council members should have received a corrected version of the capital campaign report.

Mr. Ackerman reported that envelope giving is below what was expected. The Finance Committee is watchful but not concerned at this point. Simply Giving accounts for about 22% of the receipts. Improvements have been made to the e-giving system, and letters will be sent to members making them aware of the changes.

Administration and Personnel Committee: Mr. Miller's report is on file.

Arts Committee: No meeting.

Church Property Committee: Mr. Tauriello's report is on file. The committee budget is currently over budget due to snow removal and other unforeseen issues. The basement bathroom problem has been addressed. The steeple received damage during a windstorm and will need repairs. Since the roof also needs to be replaced, both projects will be done this spring. Estimates are being received for carpet replacements and sidewalk repairs.

Educational Ministry Committee: Mr. Bush's report is on file. The brain storming session attended by approximately 35 people generated some good ideas.

Evangelism: Ms. Knarr's report is on file. Council members are encouraged to attend the May 23 potluck luncheon for new members. The Health Fair report is on file.

Fellowship Team: Ms. Wilson's report is on file. Mr. Hoffert, committee liaison to council, has expressed a willingness to co-chair the committee after Ms. Wilson's resignation becomes final on August 31, but will not be solo chair since he has never served on the committee.

Missions Committee: The committee did not meet. Mr. Balasundram reported that Viking Dietrich, one of the missionaries we support, will be at Trinity on August 8. On May 22 there will be a Konde Diocese event at Camp Kirchenwald.

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

Publicity and Communications: The committee is working on a variety of projects. The digital signage project is moving ahead. A display highlighting Trinity activities will be taken to Synod Assembly. A press release policy is being developed and will eventually be brought to council. If you have events that need to be publicized, please contact Darlene Hess who has a number of advertising contacts. Trinity information pamphlets have been taken to local hotels.

Social Ministry Committee: Mr. Doug Bonsall's report is on file. On Saturday, May 15, the Community Connections Breakfast will be held at Trinity, and a work day at New Hope Ministries. A coffee house for special needs adults from CROSS will be May 22. Meetings are being scheduled with the various agencies we support to ascertain their needs and determine hands-on opportunities for volunteers.

Stewardship Committee: Ms. Lisa Leber's report is on file. The committee questioned how often the membership roles are purged. Ms. Knarr reported that the Evangelism Committee handles this on a bi-yearly basis, but they would like follow up on members more often. Discussion was held about contacting members who had not attended regularly.

Worship Ministry Team: No meeting.

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

Ministries of the ELCA

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

Lutheran Men in Mission: Mr. Tauriello extended an invitation to the May 22 Lutheran Men in Mission Spring Breakfast.

Continuing Service

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

MOTION: 2011 Health Fair Ms. Knarr moved to affirm COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR - 2011 at Trinity Lutheran Church for Saturday, November 5, 2011, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., featuring display booths, seminars, and food available for purchase, utilizing the entire facility except for the offices, basement and nave. After discussion it was determined that a motion was not necessary to schedule this event. Ms. Knarr withdrew the motion.

MOTION: New Members Ms. Knarr moved to approve the following for membership: Leslie Corl; Marsha Gantt; Stephen Handwerk; Jason Heikel and Abbie Parmenter; David, Megan, Anna, and Samuel Leeds; Jonathan and

Sara Lobaugh; Kristin, Katharine, and Audrey Luce; Kevin and Sonia Murphy; Fred Nelson; Todd Reed, and Kristin and Charlotte Myers. Motion carried.

MOTION: Chimney restoration Mr. Ackerman moved that funding for the [Nave] main chimney restoration contract of \$4,790.50 be taken from the Maintenance and Improvement Reserve Account (MIRA). This is not one of the projects prioritized by Council in January since the problem was just recently discovered. Motion carried.

MOTION: Roofing Mr. Ackerman moved that funding for the roof re-shingling contract of \$41,865 be taken from the Maintenance and Improvement Reserve Account (MIRA). This was one of the projects prioritized by Council in January. Motion carried.

Comments for the good of the order:

Ms. Martin has provided all committee with calendar forms to be completed and returned by May 28.

Mr. Miller moved to adjourn the meeting.

Dismissal: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Council members joined hands and prayed together The Lord's Prayer.

Mike Schwalm, secretary

Nancy Martin, assistant to the secretary