

Trinity Lutheran Church
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania
MINUTES OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING
June 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Craig Erdman.

The following council members and staff were present:

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| Daryl Ackerman | Lorraine Graybill | Tim Koch |
| Reuben Balasundram | Jennifer Hammaker | Dave Miller |
| Pastor John Brock | Ryan Hannigan | Barb Musselman |
| Christopher Couch | Tom Hoffert | Bill Tauriello |
| Craig Erdman | Betsy Knarr | |

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

Gathering in God's Grace:

Opening Devotions: Mr. Hoffert led devotions based on an article in the May, 2010, issue of *The Lutheran*, Hospitality, A Welcome Light for All.

Roll Call and action on requests for absence: Mr. Ackerman moved to excuse Judy Collins, Mike Schwalm, and Pastor Ludwig per their requests. The motion carried.

Recognition of visitors: Mr. Jeff Weaver, chair of the Call Committee, was present.

Ms. Graybill moved to approve the minutes of May 10, 2010. Motion carried.

Agreement on Agenda: Pastor Brock will be bringing a motion to receive a new member. Another motion will be presented regarding the Going Green Task Force.

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 Brock presented a brief report on the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly. A motion was defeated that would have requested the Churchwide assembly to reverse their decision to ordain pastors who are in committed same-sex relationships. Another motion was passed to form a task force to study the method by which bishops are elected. Nancy Martin and Doug Bonsall were elected as a voting members to the 2011 Churchwide Assembly.

Pastor Easton mentioned in her report the first summer "trial run" of the 8:30 contemporary service. It was reported that the service went well without using a bulletin. There are those who think consideration should be given to not providing bulletins for the 10:45 service either.

Mr. Couch emphasized the summer SCS One Room Schoolhouse which begins June 20. Orientation for adult leaders was held this past Sunday. The main benefit of the program is so that children may have a good Sunday Church School experience over the summer. The program will run through August 29.

Mr. Fox reported that he is taking some of the junior high youth to The Bridge for a servant project on Friday. Seventeen youth will be attending Confirmation Camp at Camp Nawakwa next week.

President's Report: Mr. Erdman's report is on file. He reminded council of the joint meeting with the Call Committee on Monday, June 28. He also reminded the 3rd year council class of their Garden of Eatin' responsibilities on July 4.

Leadership and Education: Ms. Collins did not hold her PLACE class in June due to lack of interest.

Special Committees or Task Forces:

Call Committee: Mr. Weaver's report is on file. He distributed copies of the proposed Ministry Site Profile which will be discussed at the June 28 meeting. All council members should take time to go over profile so that decisions may be made at that meeting. At the end of the meeting on the 28th we should have completed and approved the profile. It can then be "locked" and submitted to the ELCA. The synod will have an internal review of the document. If they find something that they feel needs to be changed then Mr. Weaver would have to "unlock" the document and make the appropriate changes. Any questions or concerns should be forwarded to Mr. Weaver prior to the meeting. Pastor Cliff Eshbach, assistant to the bishop, will lead us through the document page by page.

Going Green Task Force: The task force has met one time and a motion will be presented to add another member to the team.

Transportation Ministry Task Force: A motion will be presented to approve the members of the team.

Facilities Study Task Force: No update.

Executive Committee: Mr. Schwalm's report is on file. Suggested council goals for 2010-2011 were discussed, other possibilities were recommended, and council voted to set priorities.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee: Mr. Ackerman's report is on file. It was noted that some committee chairs are not signing invoices in a timely manner. Payments must be authorized prior to payment. The committee has been reviewing internal controls. All council members were asked to check and empty their mail boxes prior to the office move next week.

Administration and Personnel Committee: Mr. Miller's report is on file. He reported that this year's evaluation process has been a good and meaningful one.

Arts Committee: The committee meets tomorrow night.

Church Property Committee: Mr. Tauriello's report is on file.

Educational Ministry Committee: Mr. Bush's report is on file. The committee spent considerable time discussing removing the pews from the chapel and replacing them with chairs to make that room more usable as a meeting space. It was acknowledged that this is an emotion issue. The resources currently being stored in Mr. Couch's office are being move to room 227-229 so they are more accessible. Shelving will be installed in that room to accommodate the materials.

Evangelism: Ms. Knarr reported last month on the committee discussion concerning more frequent follow-up of members who have changed their attendance patterns.

Fellowship Team: Ms. Wilson's report is on file. The committee is still looking for someone to accept the position of chair once Ms. Wilson ends her chairmanship in August. Concerns were expressed about folks not showing up to handle Garden of Eatin' II responsibilities when they have agreed to do so.

Missions Committee: Mr. Balasundram reported that August 1 is World Hunger Sunday; Viking Dietrich will lead a forum on August 8; and Richard Sarker is visiting and leading a forum on August 15. A luncheon provided by the Balasundram family will be held on August 15 after the later services. A Glocal Mission event will be held at Trinity November 12-13.

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

Publicity and Communications: Mr. Schwalm's report is on file. Trinity now has a page on Facebook managed by Tom Drye and he would welcome news and pictures of Trinity events. Volunteers are needed to hang invitations for the Summer Sundaes Concerts on neighborhood doors. Digital signage bids have been received by the IT/AV Committee. The scope of the project has been scaled down so that the budget is a bit more realistic, and to reduce the day-to-day management of the system. The current request is for a screen to be displayed in the Gathering Space with ads running about events, the daily schedule, and other information. This could be handled by a volunteer.

Social Ministry Committee: Mr. Doug Bonsall's report is on file. New Hope Ministries is having their grand opening and dedication on Monday, June 28.

Stewardship Committee: Ms. Lisa Leber's report is on file. October 23-24 has been set as Stewardship weekend.

Worship Ministry Team: No meeting.

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

Ministries of the ELCA

Women of Trinity: The newly elected board took over this week.

Lutheran Men in Mission: Mr. Jim Kincaid's report is on file. The board is looking for additional members.

Continuing Service

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

MOTION: Office painting and carpet Mr. Ackerman moved that funding for the carpeting (\$24,990), repainting (\$3,740), and moving (\$1,225) – a total of \$29,955 – be taken from the Maintenance and Improvement Reserve Account (MIRA). Motion carried.

MOTION: Pastor Easton Mr. Miller moved that the position title of Pastor Nancy Easton be changed from Assistant Pastor to Associate Pastor. Pastor Easton will be reporting to council and will attend council meetings. The synod will issue a new call reflecting the change, but it does not require a new call vote by the congregation. Motion carried.

MOTION: Transportation Task Force Ms. Graybill moved to approve the members of the Transportation Task Force; Reuben Balasundram, Bruce Bigelow, Arlene Corso, Teresa Eckard, Tom Hoffert, and Donna Sprowls. Mr. Peter Pennington has already been approved as the chair of this task force. The motion carried.

MOTION: Growing Green Task Force Ms. Graybill moved to approve Pat Eby as an additional member to the Growing Green Task Force. Motion carried

MOTION: Virginia Ely Pastor Brock moved to approve Virginia Ely for membership. Virginia has been attending and actively participating in the life of the congregation for some time. She has accepted a position with the Women of Trinity which requires her to be a member. Motion carried.

Comments for the good of the order:

Staff members will be moved to several classrooms next week while the office area is painted and carpeted. The office will be closed to visitors for the week.

Mr. Ackerman expressed the hope that council members would make it a practice to park farther away from the building so that visitors and those who need to park closer can find spaces. There is also parking available at a business down the alley.

Dismissal: The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. Council members joined hands and prayed together The Lord's Prayer.

Nancy Martin, assistant to the secretary