

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Camp Hill, Pennsylvania**  
**MINUTES OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 14, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Vice President Barbara Musselman. The following council members and staff were present:

Frank Bertovich	Jennifer Hammaker	Dave Miller
Pastor John Brock	Ryan Hannigan	Barb Musselman
Judy Collins	Tom Hoffert	Bill Tauriello
Pastor Nancy Easton	Tim Koch	Rachel Wright
Becky Enney	Betsy Knarr	

**Gathering in God's Grace:**

Opening Devotions: Ms. Wright led the council in devotions.

Roll Call and action on requests for absence: Mr. Tauriello moved to excuse Pastor Ludwig, Lorraine Graybill, and Paul Walker per their requests. Motion carried.

Recognition of visitors: No visitors were present.

Approval of minutes: Mr. Bertovich moved to approve the minutes of October 10, 2011, as printed. Motion carried.

Agreement on the agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.

Staff Reports:

Pastor Brock highlighted his conversation with Pastor Liddick from Grace United Methodist Church in Lemoyne.

Pastor Easton commented on projector issues in Fellowship Hall. One Sunday she chose not to use a make-shift projection system and discovered that there was definitely something lacking without it.

Ms. Knarr commented that the leadership event led by Nancy Mock was very worthwhile. One hand out was particularly helpful and Ms. Knarr would like it to be distributed to all new chairs and committee members. Ms. Collins said that they've already discussed making the hand-out a part of orientation for new chairs and council members. Ms. Knarr read the documents to the council.

Mr. Fox invited all to attend the YG fundraiser at the Lemoyne Isaac's on December 7. Twenty-five percent of your bill will be donated to YG. Be sure to use the special fundraiser form.

President's Report:

Ms. Musselman asked council members to submit nominations for next year's council.

### Special Committees or Task Forces:

Call Committee: Mr. Weaver's report is on file. The committee is meeting one time per month for prayer and to stay connected.

Going Green Task Force: No report

Transportation Ministry Task Force: No report

Facilities Study Task Force: No report.

Executive Committee: No report.

Fellowship Hall Renovation Task Force: Ms. Enney's report is on file. Approximately twelve contractors have participated in a pre-bid walk-through of Fellowship Hall and the task force is awaiting their bids. Bids will be reviewed on November 22 and recommendations prepared for Congregation Council. The Property Committee will also receive an update. To date, \$97,380 has been pledged, and \$24,941.48 has been received. Council will meet on November 28 to approve task force recommendations.

### Reports of Standing Committees:

Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee: The financial reports are on file. Mr. Bertovich indicated that giving is slightly behind last year, but expenditures continue to be below budget also. Currently we stand at \$16,000 to the good as opposed to last year's \$35,000 shortfall at this point. Budgets are being gone through line by line, since the requests are about \$38,000 over expected income. Mr. Bertovich commended all committees for their work in preparing their budgets.

Administration and Personnel Committee: Mr. Miller's report is on file. He reminded all of Pastor Hardy's emeritus celebration on December 4, and requested donations of hors d'oeuvres for the reception.

Arts Committee: No meeting.

Church Property Committee: Mr. Tauriello's report is on file. The next generation of AEDs is available and is easier to use. Property Committee is recommending that new equipment be purchased at a cost of approximately \$1,000. The Finance Committee will decide where funding should be placed. HVAC issues continue to be discovered. A report will be forthcoming.

The Do Not Enter signs have been removed from the Market Street barricade because complaints were made about the signs being unwelcoming.

Educational Ministry Committee: No meeting.

Evangelism: Ms. Lori McBride's report is on file.

Fellowship Team: Mr. Kauffman's report is on file. Although there were concerns, enough volunteers have come forward to prepare and serve the Thanksgiving Dinner.

Missions Committee: No meeting.

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

Publicity and Communications: No meeting. Mike Schwalm has resigned as chair.

Social Ministry Committee: Mr. Bonsall's report is on file. Ms. Musselman reminded all of the Day of Caring on Sunday, March 11.

Stewardship Committee: Ms. Hammaker's report is on file. The committee is cautiously optimistic about a 2% membership envelope increase over last year. Ms. Hammaker read one of the postings on the YG poster which is on display in the Gathering Space.

Strategic Planning: No meeting. Daryl Ackerman has stepped down as chair.

Worship Ministry Team: No report. Discussion was held about using alcohol free wine.

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

### Ministries of the ELCA

Women of Trinity: Ms. Ruth Bertovich's report is on file. The Christmas luncheon and program is Saturday, December 3. All women of the congregation are invited. Ms. Collins was thanked for her leadership of Stretch and Pray on Monday mornings.

Lutheran Men in Mission: No report.

### **Continuing Service**

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Pastor Brock assumed the chair and Ms. Musselman and Mr. Bertovich were asked to leave the meeting.

MOTION: President                      Mr. Miller moved to elect Barb Musselman as Congregation Council President for 2012. Motion carried.

MOTION: Vice President                Mr. Miller moved to elect Frank Bertovich as Congregation Council Vice President for 2012. Motion carried.

Ms. Musselman and Mr. Bertovich returned to applause for their willingness to serve in these offices.

Ms. Musselman resumed the chair.

MOTION: Pastor Emeritus resolution                      Mr. Miller moved to approve the Pastor Emeritus resolution.

“In Grateful Recognition of

The Rev. J. Stewart Hardy, Ph.D.

Whereas, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is interested in demonstrating its continued affection and respect for Pastor Stewart Hardy by granting him the status of Pastor Emeritus; and

Whereas, the congregation in honoring this faithful shepherd wishes to recognize the extraordinary contribution Pastor Hardy has made to this congregation over a

Twenty-One year period of his faithful service; and

Whereas, it was during this time, that his inspirational leadership, his passionate preaching and teaching of the Word of God among us, and his dedication to the people of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church continually rejuvenated this church;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Congregation Council during a duly called meeting is pleased to direct that the status of Pastor Emeritus be granted to Pastor Stewart Hardy;

And be it further resolved that the conferment of said title be celebrated on Sunday, December 4, 2011.” Motion carried.

Comments for the good of the order.

Ms. Knarr would like to come up with a “Good Ideas Too Early Calendar” so that we don’t forget ideas that are mentioned for the future.

Ms. Knarr suggested that a bulletin board be created displaying pictures of all committee members. This would be a good Publicity and Communications Committee project.

Mr. Tauriello asked if there had been any feedback on the placement of the pew cushions in the nave. A brief discussion was held.

Mr. Tauriello questioned the progress of several task forces since no reports have been received for many months. Much discussion was held

MOTION: Task Forces            Ms. Wright moved to transfer the Going Green, Facilities Study, and Transportation task forces to the Property Committee. Motion carried.

Ms. Martin reminded all council members of the November 30 deadline for the annual report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. and the council members prayed together the Lord’s Prayer.

Betsy Knarr, secretary

Nancy Martin, assistant to the secretary