

**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**God's Spiritual Family**  
**Jesus fed**  
**Spirit led**

**Minutes of the Congregational Council Meeting**  
**May 17, 2009**

**Call to Order**

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregational Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Jim Adelman. Council met in the Library.

Present: Jim Adelman-President	Jim Block
Mark Smedley-Vice President	Jenny Janke
Wendy Hall-Secretary	Gordon Peterson
Rich Baur	Hannah Russell
Don Bevan	Vincent Russell
Pastor Fred Schenker	

Visitors: Rachel Bauer, Ian Cameron, Molly Dunlop, Nat Fox, Renee Fronhert, Christine Grom, Kristen Hauser, Molly Hein, Nate Johnston, Zach Phillips and Ian Richards. Absent – Brian Hall, Ian Cameron

Excused: Tim Abbott , Pete Luedke

Staff Representative: Janet Montelaro

<b>Attendance through May, 2009</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TERM ENDS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Tim Abbott	12/2009	4	2	
Jim Adelman	12/2010	6		
Rich Baur	12/2010	6		
Don Bevan	12/2011	5	1	
Jim Block	12/2010	4	2	
Wendy Hall	12/2009	6		
Jenny Janke	12/2009	6		
Pete Luedke	12/2009	4	2	
Gordon Peterson	12/2011	6		
Hannah Russell	12/2010	5	1	
Vincent Russell	12/2011	5	1	
Mark Smedley	12/2011	6		

**Devotions**-were led by Jenny Janke  
**Introduction of 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmands** – Class of 2009

**Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters**

**Approval of Minutes**- Moved and seconded (H. Russell/Luedke) approved as circulated.

**Financial Reports**-Moved and seconded (Luedke/Block) to approve as circulated.

Discussion followed regarding success of Lenten Ministry Appeal with total giving at \$39,351. The Lenten Ministry Appeal will be available to support Current Fund expenses should regular weekly offering be insufficient to support budgeted spending.

**Completed, and Outstanding Projects, Actions, etc.**

**Realignment of Church Calendar**

- June 7 Annual Meeting to take place following the 11:00 service. Meeting to vote on budget for July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 fiscal year, discussion on priority Property improvement projects and updates on Trinity 21 and Gospels initiatives.
- Council elections to take place in Special Congregational meetings June 6 & 7 following worship services. **Audit committee members to be elected as well. (Oops, we forgot to do this! – need to include when we vote on budget)**

**Stewardship of God's gifts**

**Pastoral Acts**-Baptism of Rachel Meghan Bornes

**Pastor and staff sharing**

Ministry/Liaison	Written Report submitted	Comments/Notes
Christian Ed./ Jim Block	N	Nothing new to report.
Comm. Ministry/ Evangelism/ Jenny Janke	Y	See written report
Finance/Tim Abbott, Pete Luedke	Y	As reported above and below.
Gospelers/Jenny Janke	N	▶ Reported on May 7 All Ministry Night. ▶ Next meeting is Wed., 6/3 at 6:30
Health & Wellness	N	New ministry has many dimensions and will compliment the Stephen Ministry.
Mutual Ministry/Mark Smedley	N	Nothing new to report.
Property/Rich Baur, Don Bevan	Y	Discussed priority property improvement projects: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Church Roof repair (Est. TBA)</li> <li>2. Church Air (Est.\$13-15,000)</li> <li>3. Church Steeple (Est. TBA)</li> <li>4. Tree Removal (Est. \$1,500)</li> <li>5. Driveway/Parking lot Re-paving (Est \$4,000 in 2006)</li> <li>6. Parish Hall Door</li> </ol>

		Replacement (\$12-15,000)
Trinity 21	N	Andy Irlbacher drafted a new Mission Statement following the Council Retreat. Wendy Hall and Janet Montelaro to wordsmith.
Stewardship/Wendy Hall	Y	Don Eshenbaugh Jr. to Chair Ministry. See written report.
Worship & Music/Hannah Russell, Gordon Peterson	N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ New documented procedure for music selection is being implemented.</li> <li>▶ Planning 2 year anniversary of Saturday service</li> <li>▶ summer worship hours begin June 14<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
Youth/Vincent Russell	N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Hoagie sale was a success – 204 sold.</li> <li>▶ Mardi Gras dinner planned for May 30<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>

**New Business**

- Moved and seconded (H. Russell/Smedley) approved acceptance of Confirmands. Motion passed unanimously.
- Moved and seconded (Luedke/ H. Russell) approved recommended budget of \$458,895 for the new fiscal year starting July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. This is the same as the budget approved in January with the exception that Synod Benevolence is increased by \$4,243 to restore the figure to the 2008 fiscal year level. Motion passed unanimously.
- Moved and seconded (Smedley/ Blockl) approved to remove the following individuals from the congregation rolls: Mark Hubert, Richard Schmitz, Georgie Shirley, James Smith and Bethany Berkstresser. Motion passed unanimously.
- A retirement celebration for Pastor Kurt Bish is scheduled for June \_\_\_\_ from 2-5 p.m. at Lutherlyn. Pastor will invite Pastor Bish to give the sermon at the end of summer/early fall and we will host a reception in his honor at trinity as well.
- The Western Pennsylvania Synod Assembly will take place June 18-20 at Theil College.
- The new Parish Hall audio visual equipment will be demonstrated in a viewing of the movie, Fireproof, beginning at \_\_\_\_\_ on June 6.
- Outgoing Council members agreed to be mentors to the new appointed council members.

**We Go Out in God's Name**-the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 7:40 PM. Next Council meeting will take place Sunday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m.

**Action Items**

- *Pete Luedke* - Advise Finance Ministry of Council's approval of recommended budget for new fiscal year. Arrange to have a representative present new budget at the Annual meeting.
- *Dianne Barbin*- Prepare postcard reminder for Council elections.
- *Wendy Hall, Janet Montelaro*- Wordsmith Mission Statement.
- *Pastor Fred* – Confirm availability of Pastor Bish for Trinity's retirement reception.
- *Pastor Fred, Jim Adelman and Rich Bauer* - Will present Council bullet points at worship next Saturday/Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy R. Hall  
Congregation Council Secretary