

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

**Minutes of the Congregational Council Meeting**  
**July 19, 2009**

**Call to Order**

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregational Council meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by President Jim Adelman. Council met in the Library.

Present: Jim Adelman-President  
 Mark Smedley-Vice President  
 Tim Abbott  
 Rich Baur  
 Jim Block  
 Kathy Hemke  
 Pastor Fred Schenker

Yvonne Hudnall  
 Jenny Janke  
 Gordon Peterson  
 Scott Peterson  
 Hannah Russell  
 Vincent Russell

Excused: Don Bevan, David B. Brauer, Wendy Hall, Pete Luedke,

Guests: Andy Irlbacher

Staff Representative: Dianne Barbin, Janet Montelaro

<b>Attendance through July, 2009</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TERM ENDS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Tim Abbott	2009	7	2	
Jim Adelman	2010	9		
Rich Baur	2010	9		
Don Bevan	2011	7	2	
Jim Block	2010	7	2	
David B. Brauer	6/30/2011		2	
Wendy Hall	2009	7	2	
Jenny Janke	2009	9		
Kathy Hemke	6/30/2011	2		
Yvonne Hudnall	6/30/2011	2		
Pete Luedke	2009	5	4	
Gordon Peterson	2011	9		
Scott Peterson	6/30/2011	2		
Hannah Russell	2010	7	2	
Vincent Russell	2011	7	2	
Mark Smedley	2011	9		

**Devotions**-Were led by Mark Smedley.

**Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters**

**Approval of Minutes**-It was moved and seconded (Block/Smedley) to approve the minutes as presented.  
 Motion passed.

**Trinity 21**-Andy Irlbacher presented the first draft of the report to be presented to the congregation in September. The report reflects the first phase of the project, which is to address issues brought up in the Cottage Meeting process. Discussion followed.

**Financial Reports**

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

**Approval of 2009 Audit Team member**-It was moved and seconded (Janke/H. Russell) to appoint Steve Kohler to fill the final year of Treasurer Karen Byers' term on the Audit Committee. Motion passed.

**Response to 2008 Audit Recommendations**-Council felt that there were no additional actions which needed to be taken at this time in response to the recommendations.

**Realignment of Church Calendar (Implementation of Task Force Recommendations)**

**July 19 2009 Special Congregational Meeting**-It was moved and seconded (H. Russell/Baur) to approve the minutes of the Special Congregational Meeting as presented. Motion passed. Council thanked Rich Baur and Mark Smedley for their presentation of various major work projects to be undertaken shortly, at the meeting.

**Bella Dance School proposal**-at present the school has contracted for space in Cranberry. They may expand into the Franklin Park area at a future date and at that time would like to enter into an agreement to use space at the church.

**Stewardship of God's gifts**

**Pastoral Acts**-presented as items of information

**Pastor and staff sharing**-Pastor Fred reported that the Young Adult Ministry involving college age young people has been meeting on Wednesday afternoons. One of the members, Bobby Charland, will be preaching at worship in August.

Ministry/Liaison	Written Report submitted	Comments/Notes
Christian Ed./ Jim Block	N	Vacation Bible School went well.
Comm. Ministry/ Evangelism/ Jenny Janke	N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ A Pancake Breakfast to support Habitat for Humanity is being planned for the end of July.</li> <li>▶ Pleasant Valley Shelter meals are in need of more volunteers</li> </ul>
Finance/Tim Abbott, Pete Luedke	Y	As reported above.
Gospelers/Jenny Janke	N	Nothing new to report.
Health & Wellness	N	The ministry is sponsoring a walking challenge. 58 people have signed up for the challenge so far.
Mutual Ministry/Mark Smedley	N	Nothing new to report.
Property/Rich Baur, Don Bevan	N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Extensive repairs to the steeple and church roof will be undertaken shortly. The congregation approved funding for the project at the Special Congregational Meeting. It was moved and seconded (Smedley/H. Russell) to proceed with the repairs at a cost between \$60,000-\$75,000. Motion passed.</li> </ul>

Stewardship/Wendy Hall	N	The “Money, Purpose, and Joy” seminar offered this summer has been rescheduled for the fall, to be offered during the SCS hour.
Worship & Music/Hannah Russell, Gordon Peterson	N	A meeting of all interested parties in the Saturday service was held. The outcome will be ways to modify and enhance the service.
Youth/Vincent Russell, Gordon Peterson	N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The eastern Va. mission trip went quite well. 13 youth participated.</li> <li>▶ 14 youth will be leaving for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans shortly.</li> </ul>

**New Business**

**YMCA Preschool**-Correspondence has been received from the YMCA asking for a modification of our current use agreement with them. They would like to use 1 room and the office instead of 2 rooms next year. Their use fee would be reduced to \$2,500 a year. It was moved and seconded (Block/Baur) to approve the request as presented. Motion passed. The Preschool also requested use of the church for their annual “Tree of Light Celebration” on Dec. 14. Council asked for additional specifics regarding the service. Jim Adelman will be in touch with Preschool Director Michelle Walker.

**Query from Wendy Hall** regarding contributions to specific causes. It was moved and seconded (S. Peterson/Smedley) to forward the email to Charlotte Luedke, Dianne Barbin, and Karen Byers. Motion passed.

**We Go Out in God’s Name**-the meeting was adjourned at 8 PM with prayer

**Next Meeting- August 16 at 6 PM in the Library.**

**Action Items**

- *Jim Adelman*-contact YMCA for specifics regarding the “Tree of Light Celebration” in December.
- *Mark Smedley*-forward Wendy Hall’s email regarding tracking of contributions to specific causes.
- *Dianne Barbin*-forward minutes of Special Congregational Meeting to Fidelity Bank as part of the refinancing process.
- *Tim Abbott, Mark Smedley and Pastor Fred*-present bullet points from Council meeting at next week-end’s worship services.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dianne Barbin  
Administrative Assistant

