

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

**Minutes of the Congregational Council Meeting**  
**August 16, 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  
 Mark Smedley-Vice President  
 Wendy Hall-Secretary  
 Jim Block  
 David B. Brauer  
 Pastor Fred Schenker

Kathy Hemke  
 Yvonne Hudnall  
 Jenny Janke  
 Pete Luedke

Excused: Tim Abbott, Rich Baur, Don Bevan, Gordon Peterson, Scott Peterson, Hannah Russell, Vincent Russell

Staff Representative: Dianne Barbin

<b>Attendance through August, 2009</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TERM ENDS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Tim Abbott	2009	7	3	
Jim Adelman	2010	10		
Rich Baur	2010	9	1	
Don Bevan	2011	7	3	
Jim Block	2010	8	2	
David B. Brauer	6/30/2011	1	2	
Wendy Hall	2009	8	2	
Jenny Janke	2009	10		
Kathy Hemke	6/30/2011	3		
Yvonne Hudnall	6/30/2011	3		
Pete Luedke	2009	7	3	
Gordon Peterson	2011	9	1	
Scott Peterson	6/30/2011	2	1	
Hannah Russell	2010	7	3	
Vincent Russell	2011	7	3	
Mark Smedley	2011	10		

**Gathering**

**Devotions** were led by Pastor Fred.

**Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters**

**Approval of Minutes**-It was moved and seconded (Luedke/Block) that the minutes be approved with one change, Pete Luedke has 3 absences instead of 4. Motion passed.

**Financial Reports**-It was moved and seconded (Luedke/Smedley) to approve the reports as presented. Discussion followed. Questions regarding the number and timing of fund-raisers were presented. Council requested that the Gospelers develop a policy and calendar regarding fund-raisers. Motion passed.

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

**Status of Church roof and steeple project**-Bids are being completed. It is anticipated that work will take place in October for a period of 4 weeks. The bank is proceeding with the loan process. It was moved and seconded (Luedke/Smedley) that the President and Secretary of Council be the signatories on the loan papers. Motion passed.

**YMCA Preschool's "Tree of Light" celebration**-Jim Adelman discussed the ceremony with Michelle Walker of the YMCA. Pastor Fred will be asked to officiate. The service will take place in the sanctuary.

**Trinity 21**-The steering committee will present a short Power Point presentation and have paper copies of the status report available at the Rally Day, Family Reunion celebration on Sept. 13.

**Stewardship of God's gifts**

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

**Pastor and staff sharing**-Pastor Fred reported that Bishop Kusserow would be presiding over Janet Montelaro's installation at Trinity on the weekend of Jan. 16 and 17, 2010.

Ministry/Liaison	Written Report submitted	Comments/Notes
Christian Ed./ Jim Block	N	Nothing new to report.
Comm. Ministry/ Evangelism/ Jenny Janke	Y	▶ The Habitat for Humanity Pancake Breakfast held in July was very successful.
Finance/Tim Abbott, Pete Luedke	Y	As reported above.
Gospelers/Jenny Janke	N	Nothing new to report.
Health & Wellness	Y	The Walking Challenge is taking place currently.
Mutual Ministry/Mark Smedley	N	Nothing new to report.
Property/Rich Baur, Don Bevan	N	▶ Bidding and loan application process continue for the steeple and roof repair project. ▶ Due to sediment in the church's water line, problems with the fixtures in the bathrooms have occurred on a regular basis. It was moved and seconded (Smedley/Block) to spend \$975 for repair to the fixtures in the church and parish hall bathrooms. Motion passed.
Stewardship/Wendy Hall	N	A Stewardship Corner has been introduced into the "Trinity Trumpeter" and a course on Christian stewardship will take place in the fall.

Worship & Music/Hannah Russell, Gordon Peterson	N	Nothing new to report.
Youth/Vincent Russell, Gordon Peterson	N	Nothing new to report.

**New Business**-Council requested that a Capital Campaign be organized to pay for the cost of the steeple and roof repairs. Mark Smedley, Pete Luedke, Wendy Hall and Jim Adelman all volunteered to be a part of the effort. Pastor Fred will contact Rick Hurt and Larry DePaolis to ensure Finance representation in the campaign. A meeting was scheduled for Wednesday Sept. 2 at 7 PM.

Pastor Fred read a letter from Bishop Kusserow outlining a meeting to be held in November to develop fresh financial support ideas for the Synod. David B. Brauer and Mark Smedley will attend along with Pastor.

Question regarding any additional cemetery plots.

**We Go Out in God's Name** –The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM with prayers.

**Next Meeting- Sept. 20 at 6 PM**

**Action Items**

- *Jenny Janke*-request that the Gospellers develop a policy and calendar regarding fund-raisers.
- *Jim Adelman & Wendy Hall*-sign loan papers from Fidelity Bank once they are available.
- *Pastor Fred*-contact Rick Hurt and Larry DePaolis regarding being a part of the Capital Campaign committee for the steeple and roof repairs.
- *Dianne Barbin*-email reminders regarding Roof Capital Campaign meeting.
- *Jim Block*-Check with YMCA Preschool liaison Melinda Zorn regarding payment due in August and updating of the group's contract with the church.
- *Jim Adelman & David B. Brauer*-present Council bullet points at worship next weekend.

Respectfully submitted,  
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