

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

**Minutes of the Congregational Council Meeting**  
**November 15, 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	David B. Brauer
Mark Smedley-Vice President	Kathy Hemke
Wendy Hall-Secretary	Yvonne Hudnall
Tim Abbott	Jenny Janke
Rich Baur	Pete Luedke
Don Bevan	Gordon Peterson
Jim Block	
Pastor Fred Schenker	

Excused: Scott Peterson, Hannah Russell, Vincent Russell

Staff Representative: Dianne Barbin

<b>Attendance through November, 2009</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TERM ENDS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Tim Abbott	2009	10	3	
Jim Adelman	2010	13		
Rich Baur	2010	12	1	
Don Bevan	2011	10	3	
Jim Block	2010	11	2	
David B. Brauer	6/30/2011	3	3	
Wendy Hall	2009	11	2	
Jenny Janke	2009	13		
Kathy Hemke	6/30/2011	6		
Yvonne Hudnall	6/30/2011	6		
Pete Luedke	2009	10	3	
Gordon Peterson	2011	11	2	
Scott Peterson	6/30/2011	4	2	
Hannah Russell	2010	7	6	
Vincent Russell	2011	9	4	
Mark Smedley	2011	13		

**Devotions** were led by Pastor Fred.

**Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters**

**Approval of Minutes**- It was moved and seconded (Luedke/Hall) to approve the minutes as circulated. Motion passed.

**Financial Reports**-It was moved and seconded (Block/G Peterson) to approve the financial reports as circulated. Motion passed.

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

**Scheduling of congregational meeting for approval of call for Associate in Ministry** It was moved and seconded (Abbott/Smedley) that a Call Committee be formed for the purpose of calling an Associate in Ministry. Pastor Fred and Jim Adelman to recruit the committee. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

**Trinity 21**-the committee met on Nov. 22 and is in the process of scheduling a strategic planning retreat.

- Stewardship-The ministry is in the process of conducting a Fall Campaign
- Music and liturgy-The ministry is surveying the congregation regarding the Saturday evening service. Request that a “Trinity Tidbit” be sent to the congregation reminding them to return the survey and inviting the congregation to discussions being held about the evolution of the service.
- Effective communication-The staff has suggested use of the “Comfy Chair” game during worship at the beginning of Advent as a way to model communication in families.
- Empowering leadership
- Family ministry

**Feedback from Council shepherding ministry calls**-Council requested a brief set of talking points to use as they make their calls. Pastor Fred will draft a few general questions that they may use.

**Stewardship of God’s gifts**

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

**Members requesting to be removed from rolls-Gail Peterson, Laura Merrick**-presented as item of information.

**Pastor and staff sharing**-Pastor Fred is developing a comprehensive view of evangelism which would incorporate the ministry of the Gospelers.

Ministry/Liaison	Written Report submitted	Comments/Notes
Christian Ed./ Jim Block	Y	The ministry is evaluating summer educational opportunities.
Comm. Ministry/ Evangelism/ Jenny Janke	N	The ministry is organizing the Christmas morning Men’s Shelter breakfast.
Finance/Tim Abbott, Pete Luedke	Y	As discussed above.
Gospelers/Jenny Janke	N	The ministry is looking for members who have public relations experience.

Health & Wellness-Yvonne Hudnall	N	Nothing new to report.
Mutual Ministry/Mark Smedley	N	Nothing new to report.
Property/Rich Baur, Don Bevan, Mark Smedley	N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Clean Up Day was well attended.</li> <li>▶ Parish Hall sink leak has been repaired.</li> <li>▶ A 2<sup>nd</sup> bid on steeple repair has been received.</li> </ul>
Stewardship/Wendy Hall	N	The Fall Campaign focus will be on pledging to the budget. The Spring Campaign will focus on pledging time and talent.
Worship & Music/Hannah Russell, Gordon Peterson	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Conducting congregational survey as to evolution of Saturday service as discussed above.</li> <li>▶ A congregation member has inquired as to whether his band could practice from time to time at the church.</li> </ul>
Youth/Vincent Russell, Gordon Peterson	N	22 youth have signed up for the Sr. Hi retreat at Lutherlyn in December

**New Business**

Council asked that the Gospellers review the present time and talent sheets and booklets and see if there are any upgrades or changes they would suggest.

Question-what is the advisability of the church having a Facebook presence? Council requested that the Gospellers investigate the possibilities.

Question-what is the status of the steeple repair financing?

**We Go Out in God's Name** –the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8 PM.

**Next Meeting- Dec. 13 at 1 PM.** Council is encouraged to attend the “Loaves, fishes, and other dishes” congregational luncheon prior to their meeting.

**Action Items**

- *Pastor Fred and Jim Adelman* recruit members of a Call Committee for the Associate in Ministry position.
- *Dianne Barbin* send “Trinity Tidbit” reminding congregation to return Saturday worship survey responses.
- *Dianne Barbin* send “shepherding ministry” list to Don Bevan.
- *Pastor Fred* draft a few “talking points” questions to be used by Council as they make their “shepherding ministry” calls.
- *Jenny Janke* ask the Gospellers to review the Time & Talent Sheets and Opportunities booklet. Wendy Hall will forward an electronic copy.
- *Jenny Janke* ask the Gospellers to investigate the possibility of the church establishing a Facebook profile.

- *Mark Smedley* provide update to Council as to the status of the steeple repair financing.

Respectfully submitted,  
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