

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
God's Spiritual Family
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Minutes of the Congregational Council Meeting
January 17, 2010

Call to Order

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregational Council meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Pastor Fred Schenker. Council met in the Library.

Present:

Mark Smedley-President

David B. Brauer

Scott Peterson -Vice President

Kathy Hemke,

Jim Block –Secretary

Yvonne Hudnall

Jim Adelman

Gordon Peterson

Rich Baur

Vincent Russell

Don Bevan

Pastor Fred Schenker

Staff Representative: Dianne Barbin, Janet Montelaro

Visitors: Larry DePaolis, Bill Grom, Bill Kirk

ATTENDANCE THROUGH JANUARY, 2010

NAME	TERM ENDS	PRESENT	EXCUSED	ABSENT
Jim Adelman	2010	1		
Rich Baur	2010	1		
Don Bevan	2011	1		
Jim Block	2010	1		
David B. Brauer	6/30/2011	1		
Kathy Hemke	6/30/2011	1		
Yvonne Hudnall	6/30/2011	1		
Gordon Peterson	2011	1		
Scott Peterson	6/30/2011	1		
Hannah Russell	2010		1	
Vincent Russell	2011	1		
Mark Smedley	2011	1		

Devotions-were led by Pastor Fred. Jim Adelman will lead a discussion of Chapter 2 of “Passing on the Faith” in February.

Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters

Election of Council officers -President, Vice President, Secretary; and Financial Secretary-Because the Council election cycle and length of terms of office for Council representatives has been changed per ratification of constitutional amendments in 2009 it was moved and seconded (G. Peterson/Baur) to make the terms of office for President, Vice President and Secretary be 18 month terms. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

President-It was moved and seconded (Block/G. Peterson) to nominate Mark Smedley for the office. Motion passed. It was moved and seconded (Adelman/Bevan) to nominate Gordon Peterson for the office of President. Motion passed. There being no further nominations written ballots were completed and collected. Mark Smedley was elected President.

Vice President-It was moved and seconded (Smedley/Hudnall) that Scott Peterson be nominated for the office of Vice President. Motion passed. It was moved and seconded (Adelman/Brauer) that Gordon Peterson be nominated for the office of Vice President. Motion passed. There being no further nominations written ballots were completed and collected. Scott Peterson was elected Vice President.

Secretary-It was moved and seconded (Adelman/Smedley) that Jim Block be nominated for the office of Secretary. Motion passed. It was moved and seconded (Baur/Adelman) that Kathy Hemke be nominated for the office of Secretary. Motion passed. There being no further nominations written ballots were completed and collected. Jim Block was elected to the office of Secretary

Financial Secretary-It was moved and seconded (Block/G. Peterson) to nominate Charlotte Luedke to the office of Financial Secretary. Motion passed. There being no further nominations, Charlotte was elected to the office of Financial Secretary.

Out going President Jim Adelman thanked the other outgoing officers for their leadership over the past year.

Clearwire proposal-Bill Grom and Mark Smedley presented information regarding negotiations with the company to erect a “flag pole” transmitter on church property.

Facility use request-Bill Kirk presented a request from his son Ryan’s band to use the church for practice on a regular basis. In return the group would present concerts periodically at the church. Bill also reported that he and his son Ryan and Debbie Evans have formed a screening group which would solicit additional musical groups to perform on a periodic basis at the church. The Pittsburgh Concert Chorale has also expressed an interest in returning to Trinity’s Parish Hall for their rehearsals and practices. It was moved and seconded (Adelman/Russell) to approve the formation of the above named committee to develop a musical outreach for the church. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes-It was moved and seconded (Block/Brauer) that the minutes be approved as circulated. Motion passed.

Financial Reports-It was moved and seconded (Adelman/Hudnall) to approve the reports as presented. Motion passed.

Budget Reductions-Larry DePaolis reported that the church had finished the calendar year 2009 in a strong financial position with a surplus in the budget of \$47,000. It was moved and seconded (G. Peterson/Baur) that all staff salaries be maintained at a 5% reduction through the end of the current budget. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

Completed, and Outstanding Projects, Actions, etc.

Trinity 21-status of projects to date was reviewed.

Feedback from Council shepherding ministry calls-deferred due to time constraints.

Stewardship of God’s gifts

Pastoral Acts

Pastor and staff sharing-Janet Montelaro's Associate in Ministry commissioning service and reception went very well. A group is currently working on some simple upgrades to the downstairs of the Church. The goal is to make the area more inviting and open to receptions and fellowship.

Ministry/Liaison	Written Report submitted	Comments/Notes
Christian Ed./ Jim Block	N	Nothing new to report.
Comm. Ministry	N	Nothing new to report.
Finance/Mark Smedley	Y	As reported above
Gospelers/ Evangelism/ Yvonne Hudnall	N	The group is recruiting additional members.
Health & Wellness/Kathy Hemke	N	Nothing new to report.
Mutual Ministry/Personnel/Jim Adelman	N	Nothing new to report.
Property/Rich Baur	N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The water heater in the Parish Hall had to be replaced. ▶ A painting day for the Parish Hall Kitchen and Christ. Ed./Youth office is planned for Feb.
Stewardship/Scott Peterson	N	Nothing new to report
Worship & Music/ Gordon Peterson	N	Nothing new to report.
Youth/Vincent Russell	N	Youth Director Joyce Lydick requested that retreat money for the youth group be restored to the budget. It was moved and seconded (Adelman/Hudnall) that \$750 to be used for youth group retreats be restored to the budget. Motion passed.

New Business

Vacant Council seat-Hannah Russell is attending college and unable to complete her term on Council. Mark Smedley and Pastor Fred will suggest a replacement to be appointed at the February Council meeting.

Annual Council Retreat-Council requested that Dave Brauer lead the annual retreat in March by sharing the Trinity 21 long range/strategic planning findings and additional steps.

We Go Out in God's Name-The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM with prayer.

Next Meeting- February 21, 2010 at 12:30 PM

Action Items

- *Bill Grom, Mark Smedley*-continue discussions with Clearwire and continue to update Council regarding the proposal.
- *Pastor Fred and Mark Smedley*-Identify appropriate Council representative to fill Hannah Russell's seat.
- *David B. Brauer*-request that his father lead the annual Council retreat in March.
- *Jim Adelman*-prepare devotions for Feb. 21 Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
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