

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
God's Spiritual Family
Jesus fed
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Minutes of the Congregational Council Meeting
March 21, 2010

Call to Order

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregational Council meeting was called to order at 1:25 PM by President Mark Smedley. Council met in the Friendship House.

Present:

Mark Smedley-President
 Rich Baur
 Don Bevan
 Jim Block
 David B. Brauer
 Gayland Cook
 Heather Flayer
 Gordon Peterson
 Scott Peterson
 Vincent Russell
 Pastor Fred Schenker

Excused: Jim Adelman

Staff Representative: Dianne Barbin, Janet Montelaro

Attendance through March, 2010 (next election 06/10)				
NAME	TERM ENDS	PRESENT	EXCUSED	ABSENT
Jim Adelman	2010	8	1	
Rich Baur	2010	9	1	
Don Bevan	2011	8	2	
Jim Block	2010	9	1	
David B. Brauer	6/30/2011	6	4	
Kathy Hemke	6/30/2011	8	1	1
Gayland Cook	6/30/2010	1		
Gordon Peterson	2011	8	2	
Scott Peterson	6/30/2011	7	3	
Heather Flayer	6/30/2010	1		
Vincent Russell	2011	5	5	
Mark Smedley	2011	10		

Devotions –were led by Pastor Fred, Lectio Divina

Passing On The Faith – Due to Jim Adelman’s absence this was postponed until April.

Welcome to new members Gayland Cook and Heather Flayer to serve out two vacant positions. They can run for a full term in the regular election in June.

Finance and Property reports were distributed.

Approval of January, February, and special March meeting minutes-It was moved and seconded (Bevan/G. Peterson) to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve January and February Treasurer’s and Financial Secretary’s reports (Block/Cook). Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Smedley reported on the activities of the Property Committee. They are looking into getting a loan, but first want to get a list of all needed maintenance projects and prioritize them so everything can be included in the loan.

Consent Agenda.

Reports--Motion to accept all reports in the consent agenda made by Jim Block, seconded by Rich Bauer. Motion carried unanimously. Jim did call everyone’s attention to the report from Thrivent noting that the method of distributing congregation funds has changed this year.

Stewardship Report – Mark, Scott, and Pastor Fred attended the Synod workshop on March 20. May 16 will be Stewardship Sunday at Trinity with the theme Ask, Thank, Tell.

Worship and Music – Gordon Peterson stated there is not much to report. The committee worked on the Easter Services. The choir has shrunk in size and there is a need to recruit more members.

Business Agenda

Constitution – Gayland Cook will be doing an ongoing review of the constitution, starting with Chapter 12, Congregation Council, this month. There are a lot of issues with language stemming from the change in the fiscal year. C12.08 states that “The Congregation Council shall be responsible for the employment and supervision of the salaried lay workers of this congregation.” Council needs to set up Personnel and Mutual Ministry Committees.

Property--Covered earlier.

Benevolence – -Gordon Peterson. The synod is facing a \$100,000 deficit. Trinity needs to consider what our benevolence should be in light of our financial situation.

Church Computer – Our computer is 6 years old, which is old in computer terms. Before this is replaced, Mark wants to ask the staff for their wish list – what does the church need computer wise for future growth? A computer task force will be established, with Mark in charge until the task force is staffed.

Pastor’s report - Bishop’s Breakfast was held at Trinity. A task force has been established to look at the whole synodical structure. Some churches have changed their giving patterns due to the Sexuality statement last summer.

Trinity’s Annual meeting will be June 6 at 11 AM.

There will be a State of the Synod meeting April 11 at 4 PM and a Pre-synod Assembly meeting June 6 at 7 PM at Berkley Hills.

Trinity 21- David B. Brauer reported on the statement developed by the committee (copy attached). Council members are asked to get back to Dave Brauer, Sr. with their comments on this statement of core values.

Action Items

- Mark Smedley-setting up a computer task force. Staff will be asked to come up with a wish list of computer needs..
- Property – all ministries are asked for all property or maintenance needs so a prioritized list can be established.
- Council – establish functioning Personnel and Mutual Ministry Committees.
- Council – send comments on Core Values to Dave Brauer, Sr.

Date next meeting – April 18 at 12:15 PM in the Library.

It was moved and seconded (Brauer/Baur) to adjourn the meeting at 4:21 PM with Closing Prayer. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Block
Council Secretary

TRINITY 21 Report

Prior to a Mission Statement being developed or a Strategic Plan put into action a congregation must develop a Core Values Statement based off of the core values that have driven that congregation's actions

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| Step One | Identify and articulate the core values |
| Step Two | Develop a Core Value Statement that defines each core value and its significance |
| Step Three | Develop a Mission Statement |
| Step Four | Develop a Detailed Vision Statement |
| Step Five | Analyze the variances between the vision and the current state |
| Step Six | Develop a strategic plan to close the gap |

CORE VALUES

We are committed to acknowledging Jesus as our Redeemer. Our salvation is a gift from God. We receive this gift by believing, confessing our faith, and being baptized. Our gratitude for this gift causes us to adhere to our core values.

We value tradition. Although there are many forms and methods used by Christian churches to spread the Word, we value the traditional methods to spread the Gospel, the message that never changes. We are traditional in our services, in our appearance, in the selection of our music and choice of activities such as our living Nativity event.

We value the opinions of all. Whether the opinions are pro or contrary to our opinions we are open and tolerant of diverse life perspectives. We accept the diversity of opinions on matters not directly addressed by Biblical doctrine or essential to the faith. God loves everyone.

We are committed to Biblical doctrine. This doctrine leads our steps in Bible study, the liturgy of our worship services, our faith based education programs for all ages, the study of Lutheranism, and in our sharing the good news of the Bible with everyone.

We are committed to the helping of others. We do this through service and actions of caring and sharing in our congregation and community at large. We are dedicated to strive to give others the unconditional love God offers us, and to provide a safe and comfortable environment for anyone to offer their prayers. Through prayer we deepen our relationship with God.

We value friendliness. Trinity offers a caring and sharing community spirit to encourage a oneness in the church. All are welcome and encouraged to participate to whatever degree they are comfortable.

We value families and youth. The involvement of families and youth in current special programs such as the Revelation Band, and the Living Nativity are encouraged as is the creation of new activities for these groups. We are committed to promoting moral leadership to all participants as a part of any activities. These programs set examples to what is morally acceptable in today's world.

