

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
God's Spiritual Family
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Minutes of the Congregational Council Meeting
April 18, 2010

Call to Order

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregational Council meeting was called to order at 12:45 PM by President Mark Smedley. Council met in the Library.

Present:

Mark Smedley-President

Jim Adelman

Rich Baur

Jim Block

David B. Brauer

Gayland Cook

Heather Flayer

Kathy Hemke

Gordon Peterson

Scott Peterson

Pastor Fred Schenker

Staff Representative: Dianne Barbin, Janet Montelaro

Attendance through April, 2010 (next election 06/10)				
NAME	TERM ENDS	PRESENT	EXCUSED	ABSENT
Jim Adelman	2010	9	2	
Rich Baur	2010	10	1	
Don Bevan	2011	8	3	
Jim Block	2010	10	1	
David B. Brauer	6/30/2011	7	4	
Kathy Hemke	6/30/2011	9	1	1
Gayland Cook	6/30/2010	2		
Gordon Peterson	2011	9	2	
Scott Peterson	6/30/2011	8	3	
Heather Flayer	6/30/2010	2		
Vincent Russell	2011	5	6	
Mark Smedley	2011	11		

Thanks to Helen Smedley for the delicious food!

Devotions –Passing On The Faith – Jim Adelman led the review of Chapter 2. During the discussion of youth Kathy Hemke volunteered to set up a Facebook page.

Approval of March 21 meeting minutes-It was moved and seconded (Cook/Flayer) to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve March Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's reports (Block/Cook). Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda.

Reports-Motion to accept all reports in the consent agenda made by Jim Block, seconded by Rich Bauer. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Agenda

Constitution – Gayland Cook continued the ongoing review of the constitution with Section 8, Membership. There are some of issues with language in this section, notably 8.02c and youth members, and from last month (12.05d -is 5% cumulative?). We should keep track of all these items and revise the constitution. The constitution specifies that this is the responsibility of the Vice President, so Scott Peterson will be in charge of this.

Youth- Requested council make a donation to Youth Encounter's east coast Captive Free team to help cover the loss of their van and equipment. This group travels, and visits youth groups (and has come to Trinity in the past). Tabled until next month until council can better assess our financial position. In the meantime this request can be put in the bulletin to appeal to individual members.

Personnel – A group met, but they had not been appointed by council. Several names were proposed for this ministry, but it was decided to delay until next month as we seek someone with direct Human Resource experience. Mark will make an announcement in church and contact the synod. In the meantime it was decided not to rush to complete staff performance reviews by June, but to take our time and put a good system in place.

Finance – Nothing specific. The budget process is behind schedule with the annual meeting set for June 6. The switch to a new fiscal year requires a new timetable for many ministries. Has council given Finance specific directions on salaries? Salaries and Benevolence are the 2 biggest components of our budget. Council needs basic giving figures without the outliers (large one-time gifts) – what are our giving trends and projected revenues?

Pastor's report - Baptism – Christian Joseph Brauer. Synod convention will be June 17-19 in Greenville. Attended Bishop's meeting that discussed the effects of the Sexuality statement; congregations have a choice in what they do. There are 6 confirmands for May.

Spiritual Formation - Pastor Fred passed out 2 handouts and discussed spiritual formation.

Action Items

- Mark Smedley- make announcement about need for HR expert and contact synod; and relay councils concern's to Finance.

- Scott Peterson – will work on constitutional revisions. Gayland Cook volunteered to assist.
- Kathy Hemke – set up a Facebook page for Trinity.
- Dianne Barbin – put announcement about donating to Youth Encounter in bulletin.
- Webmaster – put a calendar and Luther’s List on the website

Date next meeting – Monday, May 17 at 6:45 PM in the Library.

It was moved and seconded (Adelman/Brauer) to adjourn the meeting at 3:02 PM with Closing Prayer. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Block
Council Secretary