

**CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2006**

Members present: Pastor Mathews, Larry Wood, Bob Davies, Bill Calhoon, Shirley Buntrock, Dick Yost, Todd Rehder, Bill Oehler, Bengt Berg and Sam Lesko. Confirmation students Jessica Serrenti and Billy McDermott were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm with a prayer from Pastor.

Council members introduced themselves to confirmation students.

A motion to accept the minutes of the October 9, 2006 meeting, as presented, was made by Shirley Buntrock and second Bill Calhoon. Motion passed.

TREASURER –

Report for October was provided. Bob Davies inquired as to the amount given to HC/HY, it exceeds the budgeted amount. Pastor indicated that there are contributions from the congregation included in the report.

A motion to accept the October report, as presented, was made by Bill Oehler and second by Todd Rehder. Motion passed.

REPORTS OF MINISTRY TEAMS

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM – BOB DAVIES

The Worship Ministry will meet Thursday, November 16 and will elect a chair person and secretary. The choir is in need of more space. Recent Sundays have seen a full choir loft and not all members were present. Communion Assistants that are not choir members will have to be seated in the first row by the organ. The team will look into temporary seating as well as redoing the choir loft.

EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM – DICK YOST

Heather Klien has had meetings and events for both Youth groups and has distributed a list of meetings and events through December to all eligible members.

The Sunday school Art Show/Open House was well attended by students and parents.

Jan Huylo has incorporated Confirmation studies into her Sunday school class.

The team will focus on committee and task force responsibilities and members at its November 16 meeting.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH – SAM LESKO

The team has had several meetings and has completed their charter and it is being formatted to the other teams' charters.

The next meeting will be November 28 and focus will be on responsibilities of the team. Minutes of committee meetings and the charter are available on the web site.

Social Ministry met on October 30.

WITNESS AND FELLOWSHIP – DICK YOST

A meeting is scheduled for November 15. Charter planning is under way. There are three Women's groups and a Men's group is being formed.

Evangelism is being done by all members of teams, council and congregation at this time and the church is growing in all aspects.

SUPPORT MINISTRY TEAM –TODD REHDER

The team has had two meetings and a draft of their charter as well as minutes was provided. The team's first priority is the 2007 budget. A rough draft was provided. The following amendments were made to the proposed budget:

Under Benevolences; increase NEPA Synod and ELCA support from \$19,400 to \$20,000.

Under Benevolences; replaced code 010 – Lourdesmont with Mission District with a \$350 budget for 2007. (Mission District-removed from code 206).

Under Benevolences; add code 012 as St. Francis Kitchen with a budget of \$500 to include church and Youth group sponsorship.

Under Benevolences; add code 013 as UCP- July Knoebel's Outing with a budget of \$1300.

Under Regular Ministries-Learning; increased Sunday Church School request to \$1400.

Under Utilities; increased heat budget to \$9000 for church and \$2400 for parish house (based on information that UGI will be increasing rates at least 35%).

Under Administrative; increased postage budget to \$900.

Under Administrative; increased the "miscellaneous" code 560 to \$2600 to include cost for Red Barons day at the stadium.

These changes increase the total budget by 3.7% to \$197,275.00

The Stewardship mailings are upcoming. Three mailings are scheduled. Temple talk volunteers are being sought. The focus for the team will now be committee and task force responsibility.

Pastor has indicated a need for a property committee to help Larry with projects that the congregation should be a part of.

OLD BUSINESS –

Bill Calhoun reported that Parker Hill Church intends to be a multi-property facility and the building on Abington Road will not be considered an option for our expansion.

The Dental offices were contacted and using their parking lot is not an option. It was recommended that we obtain parking signs for the handicap spots as well as two for visitor parking. Bill Oehler will follow up on that.

NEW BUSINESS –

New Member transfers to Trinity:

Raymond and Laura Worrell, Benjamin, Nathaniel and Elizabeth from St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Scranton.

Robert and Barbara Strangfeld from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Schenectady, NY.

Vito Sampogne, Laura Dargatis-Sampogne, Michael Dargatis and Nina Sampogne from Trinity United Church of Christ in Scranton.

Patricia Novicke-Schwoebel from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hawley, PA.

A motion to approve these transfers was made by Bill Oehler and second by Shirley Buntrock. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Bill Oehler and second by Shirley Buntrock to approve a deposit of \$550 to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Baseball for a party box at the June 10, 2007 baseball game. Motion passed.

Thrivent provides matching funds (up to \$1600) for programs supported by the congregation. It was recommended that we choose HC/HY and the Youth Group to receive these matching funds. This needs to be done by the end of the year. The money will be split equally between these programs. A motion to accept these two programs as the recipients was made by Shirley Buntrock and second by Bill Oehler. Motion passed.

The Bigger Picture: Deferred to next Council meeting in order for members to have the opportunity to read "Maintenance or Mission" from the newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Synod.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM with the Lord's Prayer and a motion by Dick Yost and second Bill Calhoun.

The next Council meeting will be December 11, 2006 at 7:30 PM.

Carole Hamersly
Secretary