

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FEBRUARY 12, 2007

Members present: Pastor Mathews, Bob Davies, Dick Yost, Bill Oehler, Bill Calhoon, Todd Rehder, Barbara Stauffer, Sam Lesko, Larry Wood, Bengt Berg and confirmation students Joey and Bill Hamersly.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM with a prayer from Pastor Mathews.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2007 meeting by Bill Oehler and second Todd Rehder. Motion passed.

TREASURER –

The January Financial report was provided and reviewed. Pastor indicated that this report is printed from Quicken. In converting to the new software and reporting format, it was discovered that \$16,986.87 in a Thrivent fund was not assigned to an account. This amount should (and has been) incorporated into the general (undesignated) fund total.

There was a question regarding how we reflect the funds in youth ministries and should the expenses of this group be reflected separately from the youth director's salary. They should be itemized separately. A question arose concerning the "outflow" and "inflow" categories on the report. "Inflow" indicates the actual monies received and "outflow" indicates the actual money that has paid bills, not necessarily those checks that are yet to be printed, but are accounted for.

A motion was made to accept the treasurer report as presented was made by Bill Calhoon and second Bill Oehler. Motion passed.

REPORTS OF THE MINISTRY TEAMS:

Worship Ministry Team: Bob Davies

The last meeting of the team was February 8 and minutes are not yet available, but will be posted on the web site when they are available. The major issues addressed by the team include: the rail kneeling cushions slip as people kneel and stand and a member of the team will look into fixing that; Chris Bowman has agreed to assist with acolyte training and he and Jan will work out a schedule; the piano in the parish house will be evaluated for repair or disposal; room for the choir and how to accommodate additional members, however by removing the keyboard, four additional seats will be available; more drastic changes will be deferred to the Long Range Planning process for consideration; the new hymnal has been reviewed with this team and Pastor will review it at length with the adult forum class; a CD of the first setting for Lent is available for use; dramas will once again be presented during Lent. Pastor inquired whether there are issues council feels need to be addressed? None.

Education Ministry Team: Dick Yost

The Sunday school sub-committee has met and will be meeting again to outline a job description for the Sunday school superintendent position.

Service and Outreach: Sam Lesko

Parish Health Ministry presented a January program and has programs lined up through May. Social Ministry team minutes are available on the web site. Trinity will be responsible for a March food drive for the AEM Food Pantry. CD's containing recordings of a recent service have been sent to area nursing/assisted living homes. Carole will place calls to follow up and be sure that they are being used and if they would like to continue receiving them.

Witness and Fellowship: Barbara Stauffer

The Valentines luncheon was successful. Next events include Ash Wednesday supper and Maundy Thursday supper. Joyce Schwabe is overseeing Sunday morning coffee hours. Trinity Lutheran Men in Mission had its first meeting, which was well attended. Upcoming events are being planned.

Support Ministry Team: Todd Rehder

The team met recently and will begin forming sub committees with focus being on Property, and Personnel committees and recruiting members and chairpersons. It was reported that Trinity contributes 38% of the support for the various programs of the Abington Ecumenical Ministerium which includes about 15 churches.

Long Range Planning is looking to obtain figures and drawings for new ideas and would like input from the congregation.

There may be a need for an assistant treasurer for times when Dave is not available. Suggestions for candidates may be referred to this team.

The question of transferring accounts from PNC to Citizens arose again. A motion to move accounts, with the exception of the checking account, was made by Bill Oehler and second by Dick Yost. Motion passed.

Questions then arose as to the pro's and con's of such transfers. A motion was made to invalidate the previous motion and refer to the support team for follow up, was made by Bill Oehler and second by Dick Yost. Motion passed. The support team will make inquiries and report back to council.

Larry Wood indicated that the relays for the heating units are 20 years old and not readily available anymore, but that he can by a back up to have on hand, for \$61.00. A motion was made by Larry Wood and second by Bill Calhoun to purchase a back up. Bill also suggested purchasing two back ups, one for each heater. Motion passed.

OTHER

The computer in the treasure's office will be replaced. A refurbished notebook computer is available through Steve Bowman for \$300 with the Windows XP operating system. Other accessories may be needed.

OLD BUSINESS--**NEW BUSINESS**

New members received: Tracy and Michael Rosencranz and their daughters, Jillian and Samantha from St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Virginia Beach, VA.

A motion to accept the transfer was made by Dick Yost and second Bill Oehler. Motion passed.

OTHER

Sam Lesko indicated that he felt the web site may not be very user friendly to the community outside Trinity, especially regarding the Parish Health Ministry information. Suggestions include a tab for PHM such as is there for Youth group, printable resources... Also, a contact person for the pre-school under staff directory and a list of current events at Trinity that would be readily displayed. Pastor will look at changes to site.

The Bigger Picture:

Many areas of the web site discussion addressed the aspect of life and mission of the Church and our congregation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM with the Lord's Prayer and a motion by Barbara Stauffer and second Bill Calhoun.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 12, 2007 at 7:30 PM.

Carole Hamersly
Secretary