

## **CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING**

### **June 11, 2007**

Present: Pastor Mathews, Joyce Schwabe, Shirley Buntrock, Bob Davies, Sam Lesko, Steve Bowman, Barbara Stauffer and Bill Calhoon.

Shirley read opening devotions from Isaiah. Dick Yost will read opening devotions for the July 16 meeting.

Minutes of the May meeting were presented and reviewed. Sam suggested that the minutes reflect a "thank you" to Larry Wood for his years of service due to eligible terms served, not just that he is off council.

A motion to accept the minutes of the May meeting was made by Shirley Buntrock and second Bill Calhoon.

Motion passed.

A poll of the council was conducted recently by Pastor Mathews requesting the use of the Parish House for the Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth after school program for the upcoming school year. Council voted 12 of 12 to approve use of the parish house. The school district has been notified of the change of venue for HC/HY. If the program is filled and flourishes, the need may arise to add staff. The insurance will be notified of the extra use of the building if the program is supported by local youth.

#### **Treasurer report:**

The report for May was circulated and reviewed. Two new budget categories were recently added: the State Park Ministry salary as well as State Park Ministry Expenses. At this time, nothing has been paid, but it is reflected in the budget.

A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Barbara Stauffer and second Steve Bowman. Motion passed.

#### **Correspondence:**

A letter of resignation (attached) was received from Carol Pencek which will be effective October 31, 2007 due to her move to South Carolina. Programs are in place for the 2007/08 program year.

#### **Reorganization of Congregation Council 2007/08:**

Pastor Mathews is President of Council.

Vice President oversees council meetings. Congregation Council Officers were elected as follows:

Vice President – Bob Davies

Treasurer – Dave Howell

Secretary – Sam Lesko

Financial Secretary – Carole Hamersly

It was suggested that at least one member of council should be on each ministry team.

Congregation Ministry Team and sub committee liaison volunteers are listed on attached sheet.

#### **Worship Ministry – Bob Davis**

The last meeting was held on May 31. The team voted to purchase new robes and has referred to council for approval. The team voted for robes in a wine color, council would approve purchasing new robes as needed in the flax color. Sam Lesko made a motion to approve purchase and Dick Yost second. The matter will be reverted back to the team to let them know that council recommends all robes be of the same color, flax and defer matter for council until the July council meeting. The motion by Sam Lesko was withdrawn awaiting the July council meeting. Pastor Mathews made a motion to table discussion until July meeting and Dick Yost second. Motion passed.

#### **Education Ministry - Dick Yost**

The minutes of the May 2 meeting were provided. Dick Yost, Janice Yost and Cheryl McKeen attended LIFT at Muhlenberg College. Over 1200 Lutherans attended. Dick feels we need to take a bigger interest in what goes on in the southern part of the Synod. Dick spoke to youth director Heather Klien of opportunities for youth through the Synod. Trinity's contributions to the Synod are double any other congregation.

Akaloo is a new curriculum that is web based and will be subscribed to for all of the education aspects at Trinity.

The budget for Sunday school will appear "over" for 2006/07 due to when we subscribe to the service.

#### **Service and Outreach - Sam Lesko**

No recent meetings have been held. The team did receive the resignation letter from Parish Health Coordinator, Carol Pencek. Next steps include: a job description will be compiled, job advertised, candidates interviewed and a choice will be made.

**Witness and Fellowship - Barbara Stauffer**

The coffee hours have been well received and will continue after the summer (with a Thrivent sponsored coffee hour in July).

The Welcome Back Brunch will be held September 9 at 11:45 (service reverts to the 10:30 schedule that day).

The next Pot Luck supper will be July 28.

The Women of Trinity are planning a shopping trip to the Shoppes at Montage.

Lutheran Men in Mission served a great dinner for women of the congregation as well as sponsored Bingo at the Gino Merli Center.

**Support Ministry Team -**

No recent meetings. A new meeting will be scheduled. Todd Rehder has indicated that he will be unable to continue as the chairperson for this team. Steve Bowman has indicated an interest in chairing this team.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing to report.

**Other:** Nothing

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Transfers from Trinity: Marcie Doster and her children, Cole and Cael to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Tunkhannock.

A motion to approve this transfer was made by Steve Bowman and second Bill Calhoon. Motion passed.

**Other:**

Sam Lesko questioned status of talks regarding information of purchase of land behind the church for expanded parking. Dave Howell is reviewing deeds to clarify division of the land and ability to do so if need be, or is it already divided. Bill Calhoon will touch base with Dave regarding deeds.

**The Bigger Picture:**

An overview of the Ministry Team Luncheon of June 10 was compiled and made available by Pastor Mathews. Council will have the opportunity to review and prepare for discussion at the July council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer and a motion by Shirley Buntrock and second Bill Calhoon at 9:25 pm.

Next meeting July 16, 2007 at 7:30 pm.

Carole Hamersly  
Secretary