

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES**

20 APRIL 20009

PRESENT: Gayle Woolf, Ted Hawkins, Jim Heyde, Julie Powell, Dave Plufka, Bruce Williams, Robbie Zingsheim, Shari Telaar, Alecia Behrens, Brock Lodde.

Shari Telaar brought the Council up-to-date on PMC who are up-to-date on their duties, "on time, on target". They have received the necessary information to conduct their time-line interviews which will be done on 5/2/09 at the Ice Cream Social, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Addie Ward will care for the children during the interview time. Post-it notes will be utilized for concise response to questions. Publicity is a bit behind. The entire congregation will receive a personal invitation to the event. Dave Plufka is the MC. One of the questions pertains to where we perceive Trinity 's going in the future. June 19/20 will be the next area-wide meeting. Shari will be out of town for that meeting. The PMC committee needs 3 or 4 more members to accomplish their goals.

Bruce Williams opened the Council meeting with prayer and "Dwelling in the Word". A short discussion of the biblical passage ensued.

MINUTES: On pg. 3, paragraph 2, delete "find ways to fund ". Add "to look into ways to educate whole congregation on options for youth and family ministry." Also, correct spelling of Gayle Woolf's last name. Minutes were approved as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reviewed by Jim Heyde. See attached copy. Ted Hawkins asked for PDO daily attendance for one month for comparison purposes. Robbie will obtain from PDO directors.

YOUTH & FAMILY: Alecia Behrens & Brock Lodde came to give an up-to-date report in person. As of July 31 Alecia will be leaving Trinity. This is when her apartment lease ends. She plans to move to Chicago to attend college to obtain her Master's in Early Childhood Education. She informed her high school class of her plans yesterday and swore them to secrecy until she met with the Council. She will be staying through the New Orleans trip July 20 – 26. We have 5 boys going and Christ – Webster has 5 girls going; so they will go together. Alecia will give Stephanie a letter tomorrow to go into our in-house mailboxes. The letters that are not picked up Sunday will be mailed. (Note: Her boyfriend has bought a home in the Chicago area.) She has applied to several area colleges and is awaiting response. She will have plans set out for others to pick up and follow. John Rempert, Jane Eagon, & Pr. John Schier-Hanson already have set out plans for next year's Confirmation class curriculum which will start a new 2 year program. Brock suggested another co-chair who is interested in the older children while he is interested in the elementary/middle. Dave Plufka asked about the feasibility of part-time Y&F Director. Alecia said that part-time logistics wouldn't be difficult if parameters were set at the beginning; i.e., which Sunday would be spent at which congregation. Plans need to be "very intentional". St. Thomas/ Holy Spirit congregation is a possibility based on the inquiry made by Diaconal minister, Libby Reinking from STHS.

After Alecia left, Dave asked if any plans were made for Alecia's farewell. We have 3 months in which to plan for that.

Jamey Powell will be here on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, (Youth Sunday) to receive the \$500 Edgar Powell Music Scholarship.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Julie Powell was appointed to revive Lutheran Adult Fellowship. Gayle Woolf asked for Committee rosters.

Committee meeting date/times: Education – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 7 p.m.; Music & Worship-2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in the odd months (every other month); Hospitality-4<sup>th</sup> Friday; Property-2<sup>nd</sup> Monday.

Pastor John Schier-Hanson will be here for Confirmation on 5/31/09. He will receive the Supply Pastor's stipend. It was suggested and approved to send Zion the same amount since they will have to have a Supply Pastor since we have invited Pr. John here. Julie so moved, Dave seconded, motion passed.

PROPERTY: Lots of work has been accomplished outside. The grounds really look good. Mark Thorpe was given a list of the Sunday School teachers needs. Bruce brought up the fact that we have some safety issues for disabled members. The door recommended for use by disabled persons needs a window in it so that people on both sides can see & avoid accidental "knockdowns". Gayle Woolf asked if she could make and install curtains to cover the storage room window that can be seen from the front walk. OK'd.

Dave Plufka suggested that the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month during the summer be designated outdoor movie night, publicized & neighbors invited, community pot-luck bar-b-q and fellowship. This will be tried out on 5/16/09 with our family camp-out. To check with Krystal Beckner who knows of people who do this.

Ted Hawkins said our 2010 offering envelopes have been ordered with an extra line designated for Debt Retirement. He is heading a committee whose purpose is to inform the whole congregation of possible options for our Youth & Family ministry. Members are Brock Lodde, Marie Kelly, Gayle Woolf, John Rempert, Jane Eagon, Rick Emas, and Ted Hawkins. They will report to the congregation at a congregational meeting on 6/28/09.

Central States Synod is sponsoring a forum on the proposed church statement on sexuality to be held on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at Hope Lutheran Church, Hwy 94, St. Charles. One is at 1:30 to 3 p.m. and the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. A notice will be placed in our weekly bulletin.

A letter was read from Judy Owens asking to use our facilities for a piano recital on Saturday afternoon, May 30<sup>th</sup> with a cookie & punch reception to follow in our fellowship hall. She will also use the kitchen. A check for the deposit (\$250) was enclosed. If this doesn't interfere with plans for the Confirmation reception on Sunday, approval was given.

Who orders carnations for our members on Mother's Day? Who makes the gift blankets for our High School seniors? Has there been a background check on our new PDO teacher, Maureen (last name)? The Council needs to have copies of these background checks for our files for insurance purposes.

The meeting closed at 8:30 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robbie Zingsheim, secretary