

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

January 30, 2011

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Hollander at 12:56 p.m., after she declared a quorum was present to conduct business.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

- The members of the 2010 Nominating Committee were introduced. They were: David Berg, Mark Hiner Kathy Hollander, Carol Johnson, Tom Kleven, Nancy Moe, Lynda Nordholm, and Stephanie Sulzbach.
- Kathy explained that the procedure used to elect new Council members that was used last year would be used again.
- She then introduced the four individuals on the slate presented by the Nominating Committee and referenced their biographies on page 4 of the Annual Meeting program. They were: Pam Blomgren (who was not present), Mary Engen, Mark Holm, and Dennis Nordholm.
- She called three times for additional nominations from the floor and, receiving none, declared the nominations closed.
- There was a motion from the floor that the slate of four candidates for the 2011 Church Council be elected by acclamation. This was seconded and approved unanimously.
- The slate for the 2011 Nominating Committee was presented: Liz Blood, Alan Libra, Mike Mann, Katie Murray, Meghan Olsen-Biebighauser, John Buzza, Turid Ormseth, and Margaret Peterson. There was a motion from the floor to accept this slate for the Nominating Committee. This was seconded and approved.
- Finally, Kathy encouraged people to think about serving on the Council. People who are interested in serving in the one-year positions that will be appointed to fill out the Council were asked to contact Pastor Jay or Mike Mann.

REPORT OF THE CO-SECRETARIES

- Gary Johnson reported that the minutes from the 2010 Annual Meeting were approved at the February 15th 2010 Council Meeting.
- He then called attention to the parish statistics on page 6 of the Annual Meeting program. It was noted that while numbers were down slightly from the previous year, the trend was moving positive with the large number of new members received at the 11 AM service that day.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- As Chair of the Financial Stewardship Committee, Gary reviewed the balance sheet found on page 7 of the Annual Meeting program. A motion to accept the auditor's report on that page was seconded and approved.

- He then went over the statement of receipts and expenditures for 2010, found on page 8 of the Annual Meeting program. It was noted that receipts exceeded expenditures, including adding over \$18,000 to the boiler replacement fund. Gary thanked the congregation for their faithful giving and noted that envelope offerings in 2010 were over 99% of what was budgeted, the highest percentage in recent years.
- It was also reported that John Kelly had been able to increase the amount of interest and earnings that Holy Trinity received by managing the investment of some of the church's funds in higher yielding mutual funds.

COMMITTEE GOALS AND TASKS FOR 2011

- Worship and Fine Arts: Peter Aldrich presented on behalf of the committee. After experimenting with a rotating leadership in 2010, they moved back to a fixed chair for 2011. He highlighted the upcoming concert by Lyra from St Petersburg Russia, who will be performing on May 22nd. He also encouraged members of the congregation to provide input to the committee on things they would like the committee to do. A motion to accept the committee's goals for 2011 was approved.
- Christian Education: Randy Nelson presented on behalf of the committee. He recounted the success of the first Johnson Symposium featuring Marcus Borg, and mentioned that Heidi Neumark will be the featured speaker in 2011. He mentioned that Adult Forums are planned on a quarterly theme, with the upcoming spring theme being faith practices. One non-standard presentation will be March 13th, when Doug Wallace will give his annual presentation on Oscar nominated movies. He also mentioned the April 8 and 9th. There was a question from the floor on the Pastor who presented at a recent Adult Forums to if Holy Trinity would support the organization he represented. Randy said the matter is still under discussion. A motion to accept the committee's goals was approved.
- Outreach: Mike Mann presented on behalf of the committee. He highlighted committee goals 5b and c, dealing with Latino Ministry and Bancroft School. In response to a question from the floor on what was happening with Lutheran Volunteer Corp, he also mentioned that members of the committee were having dinner with this year's members the following night, and that the volunteers will be presenting at the adult forum February 27th. A motion to accept the committee's goals was approved.
- Peace with Justice: Mary Engen presented on behalf of the committee. She announced that Kathy Hollander will become the committee chair for this year. She focused on a new goal, to sponsor a refugee family which may be here within a month. She also mentioned the Palestinian exhibit that was currently on display in the mini gym, and an upcoming film series. She also mentioned an educational trip to Mexico which is being coordinated with a church in Maple Grove. A motion to accept the committee's goals was approved.

- Nurturing Fellowship: Chris Iverson presented on behalf of the committee. He indicated that Nurturing is the inside counterpart to Outreach. He highlighted the Healing Ministry that was started by Javen in 2010. Also mentioned were Theology on Tap and 1st Sunday Musing. He invited input for future events. A motion to accept the committee's goals was approved.
- Youth: Katy Benson presented on behalf of the committee. She highlighted the confirmation of eight students and the current class of twelve confirmands. The committee is working on developing interaction between youth in the Swahili congregation and the confirmands. She also mentioned that the committee is reevaluating how the confirmands serve the community. Currently the youth are doing meals at a homeless shelter. She also promoted participation in the sponsorship program, whereby new confirmands are matched with adult members of the congregation. Finally she reminded people of the third annual pancake breakfast and bake sale. A motion to accept the committee's goals was approved.
- Housing and Social Services: Joy Nelson presented on behalf of the committee. She highlighted the work being done with Holy Trinity Apartments and Trinity on Lake. A motion to accept the committee's goals was approved.
- Property: Rod Johnson presented on behalf of the committee. He mentioned the successful completion of the Rain Garden. He highlighted goals 9 and 10, on moving the Nursery to the mini gym and improving building security. A motion to accept the committee's goals was approved. Kathy then mentioned some of the people who had contributed to the success of the Rain Garden project, especially Pastor Jay and Vicki Mann who received applause from those present.
- Personnel: Phil Jury presented on behalf of the committee. He highlighted the desire to renew the internship program and the new Parish Outreach Leader position. He indicated that they were close to hiring a person for the Outreach position. There will be a committee to support Jay in managing and evaluating the new person. Finally, he recognized Dale Bosh for his years of service on the committee, which was followed by a round of applause.
- Before continuing with committee reports, Kathy mentioned that there were now forms for requesting reimbursements and the use of a room, which she asked people to start using. She also introduced, via a picture, Dana Hiller, the new part-time office staff, and recognized Stephanie Abbas who served as a summer intern.

- Financial Stewardship: Gary Johnson presented on behalf of the committee. He presented the 2011 budget and highlighted the changes that were made to support the new Outreach position. A motion to approve the 2011 budget was moved, seconded, and approved. Sally Gregory Kohlstedt then presented on the Special Grants committee and the program they've developed to distribute allocated monies from two large undesignated estates for uses within Holy Trinity. Kathy followed with a description of the approved distributions for organizations outside of Holy Trinity from these same estates. Kathy then introduced the authorized special funds being proposed for 2011: World Hunger, ELCA Malaria Fund and Partnership for the Education of Children of Afghanistan (PECA). There was a short video on the ELCA Malaria Fund. Dave Moe then spoke on PECA, where he and his wife serve on the board. Gary then moved goals 2, 3, and 4; and they were approved.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Kathy presented a motion to continue the internship program with Luther Seminary. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Thanks were extended to Javen for his service as an intern.
- People were reminded not to bring goods for the opportunity sale because it's not clear if it will continue.
- Kathy then thanked all the people listed on page 19 of the program.

As there was no further business, a motion to adjourn at 2:27 p.m. was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Johnson, Co-Secretary

END OF MEETING NOTES