

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

**December 17, 2012**

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, January 21, 2013**

**Devotions: Anna Brelje Refreshments: Randy Nelson**

**Present: Jay Carlson, Randy Nelson, Jody Liedholm, Chris Iverson, Pam Blomgren, Mary Engen, Dennis Nordholm, Drew Lindorfer, David Krig, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Mark Holm, Anna Brelje, Sue Roberts, Roberta Shaw, Stella Townsend, Vicki Mann, Gary Johnson, Kari Kleven**

**Absent: Katy Benson**

**Call to Order: Sue Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.**

**Devotions: Gary Johnson led devotions.**

**Check in: Roberta requested that people keep Luther Seminary in their prayers because of the changes happening there recently.**

**Minutes: Jody observed that the Nurturing Committee report was omitted from the November minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Nov. 19, 2012 minutes with the addition of the Nurturing Committee report. The motion was approved.**

**Reports:**

**Parish Outreach Leader: Anna reported that the Parish Outreach Team is applying for a grant to start a nonprofit lending organization through the Colonial Church of Edina. She also reported that a coalition of organizations will be working on the payday lending advocacy issue. The goal is to prepare for legislative action in 2014. The Joint Religious Legislative Coalition will be part of the coalition. We will also be working with JRLC to have a presence on the Day of the Hill - Feb. 21.**

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**Pastor: Pastor Carlson reported on the Christmas services schedule. There will be a play by Dick Wilson on Sunday, Dec. 23 during the Adult Forum. The Sunday School will be having a performance on Jan. 6. Pastor Carlson also reported that there will be a seminary student, Rich Holleque assigned to Holy Trinity this year. He will be observing at some committee meetings. The Vision Task Force will be completing their work by the end of**

**January and will be reporting at the annual meeting of the congregation. Megan Olsen-Biebighauser will be taking a child care leave until March but will then be returning and will continue in a half-time position as Parish Outreach Leader. Pastor Carlson also reported that a new member class will be starting soon.**

**Treasurer: The financial report of income and expenses was presented to the Council. The financial reports were accepted with a motion that was passed.**

**Secretary: Mary reported that Randy Nelson is scheduled for refreshments for the January meeting and asked for a volunteer for providing devotions in January. Anna Brelje volunteered to provide devotions.**

**Vice President: No Report.**

**President: No Report**

**Standing Committees: Committee members updated the council on recent happenings in each committee (committee information sharing reports listed in Appendix).**

**Action Items: Financial Stewardship recommended that Pastor Jay and Vicki be given the authority to allocate up to \$20,000 from undesignated funds, if necessary to the year end expenses. A motion was made to approve this recommendation. The motion passed.**

**Old Business:**

**Discussion of Building Plans: The Council held a short discussion of reactions to the building plan as proposed at last month's Church Council meeting. No decision was made regarding the plans and discussion will continue in 2013.**

**New Business:**

**Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee reported that there are four candidates for new Church Council members to be proposed at the annual meeting in January. The candidates are : Kari Kleven, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Josh Becker, and Korla Masters. There was a motion made and seconded to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations for Church Council for the Jan. 2013 annual meeting. The motion passed.**

**Committee Goals: Committee goals for Peace with Justice, Property, Youth, and Housing committees were reviewed. It was suggested that one of the goals for the Property Committee be amended slightly and the Youth Committee will reorganize their goals. A motion was made to approve the goals with some minor changes. Motion was approved. Goals for other committees (Worship and Fine Arts, Christian Education, Nurturing,**

**Outreach, and Financial Stewardship) will be reviewed at the January Council Meeting. They will be a part of the report for the Annual Meeting. Randy suggested that at each Council meeting we review one committee's goals. The Council agreed to this suggestion.**

**Thank you to Jay and Kristen Carlson for providing their home for the December meeting!**

**A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion approved.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Engen, Co-Secretary**

**END OF MEETING NOTES**

## **COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHARING**

### **FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

#### **ACTION ITEM**

- 1. The Committee recommends the approval of a 2013 budget of \$610,000.**
- 2. The Committee recommends that Jay and Vicki be given the authority to allocate up to \$20,000 from undesignated funds, if necessary to make the year end expenses.**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1. The budget for 2013 is \$20,000 less than the one for 2012 due to the Parrish**

**Outreach position going to half time.**

#### **YOUTH:**

**Highlights: The ornament making intergenerational event at Glass Endeavors was well attended.**

**There are plans being made for a summer retreat with confirmation students.**

#### **WORSHIP AND FINE ARTS:**

##### **Highlights:**

- We worked on tasks and goals--ran out of time, so will finish at our January meeting.**
- We are planning a mosaic tile project for 2013. It will involve any in the congregation who want to help. We adjusted our budget up by \$1000 to get the project started and to allow for more guest musicians.**

#### **OUTREACH:**

**Highlights: Outreach committee held a retreat and developed their goals for 2013.**

## **PROPERTY:**

**Highlights:** There will be a meeting on Wed. Dec. 21 to talk about the possibility of solar installation on the church for electrical use. This proposal will be connected with a bulk solar purchasing program. If the solar proposal is recommended, a congregational meeting may be called to authorize the funding.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

### **Highlights:**

#### **1. Adult Forums**

**December 23 - "The Good Bread of Bethlehem- a drama featuring "Sister" and Dick Wilson**

**December 30 - "Christmas Hymn Sing" in the sanctuary**

**January 6 - "The Affordable Care Act in Minnesota and Saving MinnesotaCare - Elizabeth Lienesch.**

**January 13 - "The ABCs of IB-PYP" - Susan Francis, Bancroft School January 20 - "The Latino Loan Fund" - Maria Zavala**

**2. Planning has begun for the spring quarter in which the theme is "Interfaith Dialogue and the three Abrahamic Faiths"**

**3. Goals for the committee's work for next year have been approved.**

## **PEACE WITH JUSTICE:**

### **Highlights:**

**1. Jan. 6 - Adult Forum on Health Exchanges by Elizabeth Lienesch from Take Action.**

#### **Information Sharing**

**1. Tentative - Preach-In on Global Warming - Feb. 8 - join with other congregations in focusing on global warming/creation care with worship/music/education activities.**

**2. Tentative - a presentation by Community Energy Services on insulation and home energy audits - possibly in January.**

**3. Committee recommended contributions to organizations from environmental to**

**international peace to local community based organizations to reflect priorities of the congregation. A budget request of \$4000 for 2013 includes funding for these organizations.**

**NURTURING FELLOWSHIP:**

**Highlights: Nurturing committee did not meet last month.**

**PERSONNEL:**

**Information Sharing: The Personnel Committee prepared their goals for 2013 and submitted them to the Financial Stewardship Committee.**

**HOUSING SERVICES: No report.**

**Highlights:**