

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
January 17, 2011 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, February 21, 2011

Devotions: to be determined

Refreshments: to be determined

Present: Pastor Jay Carlson, Kathy Hollander, Katy Benson, Liz Blood, Sharon Englund, Mark Hiner, Mark Holm, Stella Townsend, Gary Johnson, Nancy Moe, Sue Roberts David Krig, and Javen Swanson

Absent: David Berg, Tom Kleven, Alan Libra, Katie Murray, Mike Mann, Vicki Mann,

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Kathy Hollander at 7:03 pm. There was a brief check-in where people spoke on the benefits they received from volunteering at Holy Trinity.

Devotions: Devotions were given by Sue Roberts. In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday she played a song by Mahalia Jackson after reading the lyrics of the song.

Educational Component:

David Krig led us in a discussion about "call and duty" as it relates to our life as Christians. He focused on how to recognize when these are out-of-balance, and what you can do to correct the imbalance. Duty was defined as an obligation to do the work that the church needs done, while call was defined as what we are moved to do. A church may not be able to support all the activities its members felt called to do. As Christians we are continually discerning what our gifts are and the needs of the church are.

A motion to accept the minutes from the December 20, 2010 Council meeting, as sent out, was passed.

Reports

Pastor:

- There were nine members of the confirmation class and three chaperones who participated in a retreat over the Martin Luther King Holiday weekend.
- The Synod Assembly will be in May this year. The selection of delegates will be done after the new Council is seated.
- The next new member group will be acknowledged on January 31, the same day as the Annual Meeting. There will be about 10 new members.
- Jay thanked the exiting council members, Kathy Hollander, Tom Kleven, David Berg, Nancy Moe, Mark Hiner, and Sharon Englund. Mark Holm has been nominated for an additional three year term. Jay also thanked those who served on the Executive Committee this year.

Vice President:

- No report this month, Mike was not in attendance.

Treasurer:

- The 2010 budget was \$576,000 but only \$562,000 was needed to meet our expenses. We were able to exceed our budget needs by \$12,000. A motion to accept the financial reports as submitted was seconded and passed.

President:

- The Executive Committee made a recommendation to the Council for the 10% portion of the undesignated large estate funds. The proposal covered 19 organizations which will be given one of three amounts (\$4,000, \$1500, or \$500) for a total of \$29,000. There were short presentations on the work performed by several of the organizations. A motion to accept this list for disbursement was passed (see Appendix B).
- The Adult Forum this coming Sunday will cover the major items which will be discussed at the Annual Meeting. For the Annual Meeting, Kathy asked if someone would be willing to stir the sloppy joe mixture during second service. There is also a need for someone to assist with watching kids during the meeting. Each Council member is responsible for supplying 2 large salads (it's okay to get someone to make one for you). If there is a need to count ballots, Sharon, Stella, and David Krig will assist.
- Jay provided an update on parish outreach position. Two of the three finalists have had second interviews, with the third person scheduled to have her second interview after the second service on Sunday January 23. The person to fill the Outreach position may be picked by the Annual Meeting, but the Council will be meeting the person before the results are announced to the congregation. Jay asked if the Council would like to meet the selected candidate (if there was one) in the Council meeting after the Annual Meeting. After some discussion it was decided not to do this.
- The Special Grant Proposal, that will be using 40% of the undesignated large fund money, will be launched at the January 23rd Adult Forum. Forms and explanation sheets have been printed and will be available at the Annual Meeting, where there will be another presentation on the topic.
- Mark Hiner reported that the Nominating Committee has selected four candidates for the next three year term; Pam Blomgren, Mary Engen, Mark Holm, and Dennis Nordholm. The Nominating Committee is still working on names to fill the 2012 Nominating Committee.

Secretaries:

There was nothing to report.

Action Items:

Financial Stewardship: Gary made a motion that the previously passed motion regarding the application of excess interest and earnings being applied towards the Boiler fund be amended for 2010 to allow for the movement of an additional \$10,000 to the Boiler Fund. After some discussion on how to word this modification, because the original motion was for more than just 2010, the motion was changed to allow for any money, from year 2010, in excess of \$20,000 of interest and earnings be applied to the Boiler Fund. The motion passed. \$10,000 will be moved to the Boiler Fund.

Gary presented the 2011 budget of \$616,000, developed by the Financial Stewardship committee, to the Council. A motion to present this budget at the Annual Meeting was proposed and passed.

Standing Committees: (Reports listed in Appendix)

Old Business: Executive Committee recommends leaving the following motion tabled awaiting the new Council: a motion from Financial Stewardship committee to spend \$4,000 from the Butler-Waters 40% estate monies so that InSite Architects can complete the next stage of the Long-Range Building Plan.

New Business: None

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary Johnson, Co-Secretary
Nancy Moe, Co-Secretary

END OF MEETING NOTES

APPENDIX A: Standing Committees Report to Council

Financial Stewardship:

Highlights:

1. A 2011 budget for \$616,400 was drafted. Details will be submitted at the Annual Meeting for approval

Information Sharing:

1. Holy Trinity has received a \$100,000 dedicated bequest from the estate of Vi Ladwig. (Mark Hiner wanted to be sure the family of Vi Ladwig is thanked for the gift. Gary said he would be sure that is done.

Youth:

Information Sharing:

1. Confirmation retreat being held 15 – 17 Jan

2. Looking into planning a trip for this summer – Youth Works or another organization is being considered to help ease the process, suggestions are welcome!

Also mentioned during the Council meeting was that the Youth Comité was working to redefine the service project component of the Confirmation Class, doing something else instead of serving meals at homeless shelters. They would be interested in any ideas people may have. They also are working on a way to bring together the Swahili and Confirmation youth. Finally they mentioned the upcoming pancake breakfast fund raiser.

Worship and Fine Arts:

No Report

Mentioned during the Council meeting was the fact that the Storey telling Concert was a success.

Outreach:

Highlights:

Volunteer opportunitie at Bancroft:

Jan 19 7:30-1:30 with 4th and 5th graders for a Kindness Retreat provided by Youth Frontiers

Information Sharing:

1. January 31st we will provide a meal and fellowship with the Lutheran Volunteer Corp at Wellstone House..

Property:

Information Sharing:

A new portable sound system has been ordered and should be delivered before the annual meeting

Christian Education:

Highlights:

Information Sharing:

1. Adult Forum Schedule - Theme: In Search for Justice
 - January 23 - "Preview of Annual Meeting Issues" - Council and Staff
 - January 30 - "Constitutional Rights/International Relations" (What Can One Person do to Promote Peace)
 - February 6 - "The Ethics of Eating and Good Food" - Eva Jensen
 - February 13 - "Sexual Assault -- A Matter of Justice" - Jerie Smith
 - February 20 - "Conversation with the Bishop" - Craig Johnson

2. Mary Lowe and Martha Stortz, both of Augsburg College, will be leading a theological conversation on the general theme of "What does it Mean to be Christian in the 21st Century" on Saturday, April 9. The exact topic is still to be chosen as are the exact times. In addition, there is a conversation going on with the Nurturing Fellowship Committee about combining this conversation with the annual spring retreat sponsored by the Nurturing Fellowship Committee.

3. Plans are being made to review the summer program, the contract with a speaker for the 2012 Johnson symposium, and to choose topics for the Spring Quarter of Adult Forums under the theme "Faith Practices." Any other committee that wishes to request an Adult Forum for their use in the Spring Quarter (March, April, May) should contact Pastor Jay or Randy Nelson.

Peace with Justice

Highlights:

Activities: Photo Exhibit: The Photo Exhibit titled Our Story: The Palestinians will be set up Jan. 22 in the Mini-Gym, with some photos in Community Room to direct attention to the exhibit. We can have it through Feb. 13. Committee members will staff Sundays and some Weds. evenings 6-8 PM

Film Series: First Thursdays Feb-April and following Sundays. Dates were given to Vicki for calendar. films: Life in Occupied Palestine, 9500 Liberty (on immigration) and The Cola-Cola Case: The Truth that Refreshes.

Nurturing Fellowship

Highlights:

Two Bancroft events in need of volunteers.

1. Jan 19 Youth Frontiers retreat at Powderhorn Park
2. Jan 2

Information Sharing:

New member class Jan 30

Mentioned during the Council meeting was a retreat prior to the Mary Lowe and Martha Stortz event (see #2 under Chris Ed above for more details).

Housing Services

Information Sharing:

1. The annual New Years' Brunch was attended by 11 residents, leaving only 2 others who HAVE attended in the past & are still living there. (Over the past 1-1 & ½ yrs. 7 regular attendees have moved out, & we've not re-gained that many).
2. We are resuming the scaled back schedule we began last year – serving only the last Sat. of the month. The residents seem to have accepted it well.
3. One of the residents attends Sunday worship regularly (in addition to the Barrys, who are members). Another resident has been inviting a friend who is wheelchair-bound, to suppers. He shared freely at the brunch his concern for him, as he is hospitalized now.

APPENDIX B:

\$4,000 each = \$20,000

Meals on Wheels

Global Health Ministries

Minnesota without Poverty

Latino Microloan

LSS Homeless Youth Services

\$1500 each = \$3,000

Bread for the World

La Conexion/RCTA

\$500 each = \$6,000

LWR-Colombia

Mount of Olives

MICAH

Minnehaha Food Shelf

CTUL

Midtown Farmers Market

Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy

Interfaith Power and Light

Bright Stars of Bethlehem

Loaves and Fishes

Greater Mpls Council of Churches

Bethany Lutheran Church

Total=\$29,000