

## **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

**January 21, 2013**

### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Sunday, January 27, 2013 (following Annual Meeting of the Congregation)**

**Devotions:**

**Refreshments:**

**Not needed for this meeting. Devotions and refreshments sign-ups will be done at the Jan. 27 meeting.**

**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 7:03 p.m.

**Devotions:** Anna Brelje led devotions based on the African American anthem sung at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration.

**Check in:** Members shared important events from the past month.

**Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the Dec. 2012 Church Council Meeting. Motion was approved.

### **Reports**

*Parish Outreach Leader:* Anna reported that the leadership group met and set goals which will be presented at the Annual Meeting. They will be doing a survey to find out about people that we know who have needs in the area of payday lending. An application has been placed for setting up an alternative lending organization through the Colonial Church in Edina.

*Pastor:* Pastor Jay reported about the Confirmation Retreat at Luther Park in Danbury, Wisconsin last weekend. He also reported that there will be a New Member Reception next Sunday. Pastor Jay also reported on the accident that destroyed much of the structure of the Rain Garden. The repair will have to wait until spring. An estimate for the repair has been obtained and the insurance company will be responding.

*Treasurer:* Stella presented the Year-End Statement of Income and Expense. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and approved. She also reported that the financial records were audited without comments. Stella stated that she is resigning as Treasurer as of this month. Vicki Mann, Church Administrator, will serve as Treasurer on an interim basis until the new Council decides on election of a Treasurer.

*Secretary:* Mary reported that the next meeting of the Church Council will be right after the Annual Meeting on Sun., January 27 for the purpose of electing new Church Council officers. Sign-up for refreshments and devotions for the remainder of the year will be done at that time.

*Vice President:* Chris Iverson reported that he is resigning from the Council effective this month. We will ask for a nomination from the floor at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 27 to replace Chris for his remaining 2 year term. The election for this position will occur along with the election of the other 4 new Council members.

*President:* Sue reported that we need three delegates for the Synod Assembly on Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1, 2013, in Prior Lake. The delegates should also plan to attend the Conference Assembly in Blaine on Sunday, March 10, 2013. We need to have one male and one female delegate; the third delegate can be either male or female. The next year's Council will decide on the delegates. Each Council member is to bring two salads to the Annual Meeting. Council members are asked to spread out around the gym during the meeting in order to participate with more people during the discussion period. Volunteers are also needed to count ballots. Pam and Gary volunteered to count. There will be an adult forum on Sunday, Jan. 27 to preview the Annual Meeting. The nominating committee has prepared three names for the following year: David Broberg, Rod Johnson, and Carol Berg. A motion was made to accept these names for the nominating committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

### **Old Business:**

**Committee Goals:** Goals for committees Nurturing, Outreach, Worship and Fine Arts, Financial Stewardship, and Personnel were reviewed. The goals for the Parish Outreach Team were also reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the goals for each of these committees. The motion was approved.

**Visioning Task Force Report:** Drew stated that the report of the Visioning Task Force will not include specific staffing suggestions. The Task Force plans to obtain further input on the surveys questions at the Annual Meeting. The two identified growth areas are Children/Youth/Family and Nurturing Faith, Life and Relationships. We should refer any comments related to the survey to task force members.

**New Business:**

**Proposed Budget for 2013:**

The Financial/Stewardship committee presented a budget which was reviewed by the Executive Committee. Some changes were made by the Executive Committee to add funds to the Worship/Fine Arts Committee(\$9,450) and the Peace with Justice Committee(\$4000). The budget was then raised to \$611,000. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as amended.

A motion was also made and seconded to amend the first goal of the Financial Stewardship Committee to include a budget of \$611,000. The motion was passed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Engen, Co-Secretary

**END OF MEETING NOTES**

## **Committee Information Sharing –**

### **Financial Stewardship:**

#### *Highlights:*

World Hunger and the Minnehaha Food Shelf will be the two allocated funds for contributions in 2013. The committee discussed how to revitalize the boiler fund. They decided that the boiler system should be installed in the spring of 2014 regardless of the total fulfillment of the boiler fund with the possibility of financing part of the expenses. Around \$160,000 has been either pledged or received.

#### *Information Sharing:*

### **Youth:**

#### *Highlights:*

1. Confirmation Youth on retreat at Luther Park this past weekend.
2. Pancake Breakfast planned for Feb. 10th
3. We have a date for the youth backpacking trip to Colorado with Rainbow Trails Lutheran Camp - August 10-18.
4. Planned an "education recognition" for May 19 during the service, for youth graduating from HS. Kids graduating from Sunday School will also be given bibles this date.
5. Planned to recognize Sunday School teachers with an "Affirmation of Vocation" liturgy on June 2nd, w a coffee hour in their honor.
6. Discussed need to get photos and content on Youth sections of the website. Will get this done in upcoming months.

### **Christian Education:**

#### **No Action Items**

#### *Highlights:*

1. Adult forums

Jan. 27 - Annual Meeting Preview

February will focus on "How the Bible Came to us: its Writing, Use, and Authority" - James Boyce, Luther Seminary (retired)

Feb. 3 - "The Bible Has a Story, Too: Part 1 - Old Testament  
Feb. 10 - "The Bible Has a Story, Too: Part 2 - New Testament  
Feb. 17 - "The Dead Sea Scrolls: Which Writings Shall We Use? Writings and Living

Communities in Dialogue and Dissent"

2. The Youth Recital will be Sunday, Feb. 24 between services.

3. Planning is underway for the spring series of Adult forums around the theme: "Interfaith Dialogue and the three Abrahamic Faiths."

4. Wednesday evening studies will resume in Lent.

5. In order to prepare for the 2013 Symposium featuring Larry Rasmussen, a way for congregational study of his newest book, Earth-Honoring Faith, is being planned. Details to follow.

### **Peace with Justice**

1. Dave Moe will serve as Peace with Justice chair in 2013

2. Environmental issues: Studying Enbridge Oil and its request to Public Utilities Commission to expand pipeline from tar sands. PwJ will ask congregation to send comments to the PUC, which has extended the deadline for Public Comments to April 5, 2013! E-mail Public Comments @ PUC.state.mn.us.

3. On Feb. 3 (Sun.) at 12:30 , there will be a presentation by the Center for Energy and Environment to hear about ways to save energy at home. A discounted home energy visit can be scheduled.

### **Worship and Fine Arts**

1. We are planning an Easter breakfast. Time, menu, and location are yet to be determined. 2. We assigned subcommittees to our tasks and goals.

**Outreach:** No meeting was held in January

### **Property:**

#### *Highlights:*

A meeting was held with Applied Energy Innovations to review a proposal for solar placement on the church building. An engineer will be reevaluating the roof to see if it is possible. The deadline for the application is the end of January. If we decide to complete the project, we would need congregational approval.

**Nurturing:**

*Highlights:*

The committee talked about their goals for 2013. They discussed whether to continue with the congregational retreat and are also reevaluating their events.

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**Personnel:** Personnel Committee did not meet.

**Housing Services:** No report

**Parish Organizing:** See report of Parish Organizing Leader

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