

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Council

January 12, 2010

Members Present:

Dan T, President
Brendan R, Vice President
John D, Secretary
Chuck P, Finance
Laurie S, Youth Ministry
Gary S, Property
Bridget S, Christian Education
Jamie P, Worship and Music
Jeff D, Evangelism
Luanne A for Leslie B, Stewardship

Mary C, Social Concerns
Tom E, Management
Lindsay A, Ex Officio
Pastor Deanna W, Sr. Pastor, Ex
Officio
Pastor Sue W, Visitation Pastor, Ex
Officio

Staff Present:

Kathy F, Youth & Family Min.

Members Absent: Leslie B, Stewardship

The meeting was called to order by president Dan T at 6:35 PM.

Devotions: Mary C led the council in devotions.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the December council meeting were approved as written.

Pastors' Reports: Pastor W's report focused on the recently completed Christmas season and the plans for Lent and Easter, as well as the introduction of the new Lutheran Book of Worship. Pastor W indicated she continues to visit members regularly.

BUSINESS

Preparation for the 31 Jan. Congregational Meeting

Lindsay A noted that the required candidates were complete for the nominating committee (past president plus six others) and Synod Assembly representatives (four plus clergy). Biographical sketches of all candidates will be presented to the congregation.

President T introduced a proposal for presentation to the congregation for vote at the Annual meeting on 31 Jan. regarding the Pastoral Housing Fund:

To consider a proposal to reallocate the moneys in the Pastoral Housing Fund as follows: (a) Allocate \$151,800 to permanently retire the borrowings for budget deficits incurred in 2006-08, and (b) Allocate the remaining balance of approximately \$46,000 into a general reserve fund, the uses of which shall be determined by the Council. This proposal is recommended by the Council for adoption by the Congregation.

Following some discussion, the Council passed a motion to recommend this proposal to the Congregation.

Committee Updates

Management

Tom E, Management Committee, reported on its discussions with the Endowment Fund Committee and some routine matters.

Stewardship

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Luanne A, reporting for Leslie Byrnes, reported very positive results for their programs this year. The total number of pledges are now 68, a 33% increase and the amounts pledged increased by 22%. The committee will now focus on matching time and talent in support of other committees in 2010. Pastor Deanna suggested adding "Did you know..." paragraphs to the monthly bulletin as a means of promulgating committee functions to the congregation.

Congregational Life

Lynn T reports that the Christmas party "went great", thanks to her "A Team" of volunteers, and that she is now preparing to support the Annual Meeting.

Worship and Music

The worship and music committee is planning for the Lenten season and for Easter, which they promise will be "huge".

Christian Education

Bridget reports that the youth will be involved in our latest food drive, aiming to collect 300, hopefully high protein, donations such as hearty soups, tuna, spam etc. The new nursery leader is contacting families to make sure they are aware of the services now available.

Youth

Our youth will be providing "144 envelopes" to raise money for the upcoming "Mystery Trip".

Property

Gary updated the council on our facility updates. The ladies' bathroom improvements are on temporary hold due to shipping difficulties, and our flat roofs need attention.

Evangelism

Jeff reported that the neighborhood groups are "ready to roll" with their first meeting coming up shortly. The church directory is essentially complete. Jeff would like to have the directory updated annually. Evangelism is also considering a "garage sale" as a fund raiser and outreach effort.

Social Concerns

Mary C noted that a sign-up sheet for Habitat for Humanity volunteers is available on the bulletin board. This is the last Snoqualmie Ridge build for Eastside Lutherans. The annual Thrivent Builds fundraising event for this project will be a Casino Night on March 13, 2010.

Finance Report

There was an extended discussion on the financial report for 2009 and the proposed budget for 2010. Fund transfers requested by the treasurer and a refund to the New Pastor Fund were approved by the council. The budget for 2010 was considered. The discussion focused on budgeting for growth, the use of the New Pastor Fund in 2010 and 2011, and the 2011 needs that must be considered in the near future. The budget was approved **for submission to the congregation** with some changes of expected contributions **and utilization of New Pastor Fund money**, but without

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change to the proposed expenditures. The council approved resolutions to ratify the treatment of the excess draws from the New Pastor Fund by returning the excesses to the NPF. The council also approved a resolution ratifying the Treasurer's approach of placing advanced 2010 General Fund giving in a segregated account to be released to the General Fund periodically in 2010.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,
John D, secretary