

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Council

Feb. 10, 2009 Minutes

## Members present:

Lindsay A	President	James P	Worship & Music
Dan T	Vice President	Greg S	Evangelism
Chuck P	Treasurer	Lyle S	Ex Officio, Past President
John D	Secretary		
Leslie B	Stewardship	Staff	Kathy F
Gary S	Property	Pastor	Sue W
Althea E	Congr. Life		
Lowell W	Christian. Ed.		

Absent: Mark S, Management, Laurie S, Youth, and Rick M, Social Concerns

Vice President Dan T called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Devotions were led by John D.

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 01/13/09 council meeting were approved.

## Pastor's Report

Pastor W outlined the preparations for services during Lent and Easter. Midweek Lenten services will focus on the "body of Christ" with lay members providing testimony or reflection. We will have a "home made" liturgy with some borrowing from a new Holden Village liturgy.

Our visiting chaplain on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> is from the Maritime ministry which serves visiting seamen here in Seattle. On March 29<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Hispanic chaplain.

## Treasurer

Chuck reported that January was a disappointment. See financial report attached to office copy.

Chuck requested a council resolution regarding pastoral housing allowances i.e., "In accordance with IRS regulations, confirm and ratify pastoral housing allowances previously discussed and submitted to the IRS for 2007 and 2008". Council voted to affirm that resolve.

## Committee Updates

### Stewardship

Leslie provided an overview of the stewardship committee activities. These include: an ambitious and enthusiastic approach to the stewardship campaign for 2009, details of the upcoming ministry fair, the "Get in Touch" congregational contact program, stewardship articles in the newsletter and Sunday bulletins. More thorough descriptions are attached to the office copy of this report.

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### **Evangelism**

Greg S handed out maps showing the approximate locations of HTLC members, a good first step in providing members with information as to members living in their neighborhoods, which lends itself to cooperation with some of the stewardship committee goals i.e., HTLC Neighborhood Care Groups. These groups are envisioned as 8 to 10 groups of HTL members, based on geography and categories, led by 2 leaders who take the role for 18 to 24 months. The goal of the Neighborhood Care Groups is to promote community, kindness, and involvement through increased contact and service to church functions by these neighborhood groups. Additional description is attached to the office copy of this report.

### **Worship & Music**

Jamie P opened a discussion regarding the possibility of adding visual images during the service. This provoked a lively discussion. The issue will be pursued further in future meetings as more opinions are solicited.

### **New Business**

Kathy noted that it was good to see some new, and some old, faces at "Friendship Sunday". One of the results of the "Women of the Congregation" meeting on 1 Feb. was to confirm that there was an interest in a women's evening bible study and a retreat. Possible times for the bible study are Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. For "Bold Women's Sunday" she has a DVD of the life of Katherine Luther. Also, our Mardi Gras party will feature live Dixie Land music, beignets, gumbo, beads and revelry, all to raise money for the upcoming youth mission trip to the hurricane-destroyed New Orleans Lower 9<sup>th</sup> Ward and the 2009 National Youth Gathering.

Girl Scout Sunday is March 8<sup>th</sup>. Buy cookies!

### **Call Committee Update**

Lyle reported that the first round of interviews for our new pastor have been completed. They are now embarking on a second round of interviews with two pastors. After the call committee makes its selection, the council will be invited to meet the candidate and hear him/her speak.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
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