

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Council

April 13th, 2010

## **Members Present:**

Dan T, President  
Brendan R, Vice President  
John D, Secretary  
Chuck P, Finance  
Laurie S, Youth Ministry  
Gary S, Property  
Jamie P, Worship and Music  
Mary C, Social Concerns  
Tom E, Management  
Bridget S, Christian Ed  
Lindsay A, Ex Officio  
Pastor Deanna W, Sr. Pastor, Ex Officio

## **Staff Present:**

Kathy F, Youth Coordinator

## **Members Absent:**

Jeff D, Evangelism  
Leslie B, Stewardship  
Mary C, Social Concerns  
Pastor Sue W, Visitation Pastor, Ex Officio

## **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by president Dan T at 7:05 PM.

## **Devotions:**

President T presented a homily based upon Ecclesiastes 3.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the March council meeting were approved with minor additions.

## **Pastor's Report:**

Pastor W reported that Pastor Wanwig would not be in attendance. She then noted that the staff has set aside the first week in June to tidy up the office and to eliminate all paperwork that is no longer required for church business. Noting that a "turbo" shredder may be needed, she suggested that cost sharing with other individuals or enterprises requiring shredding service might be considered.

Pastor Deanna also noted that the Mercer Island Clergy Association is inquiring which congregations may be interested in hosting Tent City. While the council will address this at another time, President T noted that the sense of the council in the past had always been that we would want to actively consider the possibility, in consultation with the congregation.

Finally Pastor Deanna handed out some "Thoughts about Holy Trinity", i.e. "Concerns for the Future". (A copy of this handout is attached to the office copy of this report). The list of concerns and suggestions covered Administration, Management and every function pursued by individual members of the council and the congregation in promoting HTLC and managing the resources of HTLC toward the goal of meeting our mission statement.

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## **BUSINESS**

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Chuck P, reported that giving was low by \$10,000 in March, as it was in February, and reviewed selected portions of the Balance Sheet. He also presented the financial reports in a new format to use less paper and make the statements easier to use. He provided some giving analysis on behalf of Stewardship which identified giving patterns and matters for the council to monitor carefully over the next 60 days. The financial reports now reflect a year-to-date deficit, through March, of \$13,000. Giving for the first two Sundays in April also was very low. Bottom line, we are about \$18,000 behind our projected budget.

### **Strategic Planning Update**

Dan T reported that the Strategic Planning Task Force has been formed and will be meeting soon.

### **Proposed Revised Bylaws for Annual Review of Membership List**

Dan T presented the latest revision of the proposed bylaws concerning the annual review of our membership list. These revisions clarify the difference between membership and voting member status, and also clarify the significance of being removed from the membership roll. The bylaws had been previously sent to council members for review and, after brief discussion, passed unanimously as a recommendation to the congregation. (A copy of the referenced bylaw changes is attached to the office copy of this report.)

### **Preparation for May 23 Mid-Year Meeting**

Dan reported that, for the congregation's information, the proposed bylaw and constitution amendments would be mailed to members by April 23<sup>rd</sup>, as required by the bylaws, and that notice of the mid-year meeting also would be mailed out by April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Suggestions for Officer and Council Positions**

Dan T then passed out a list of positions being vacated on the council in May, and a partial list of candidates proposed to fill those vacancies (see attached to office copy). Work continues to fill out the "ballot" prior to the May meeting.

## **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **Management**

The management committee, during its last meeting, emphasized strategic planning i.e., where we are, where we want to be. Budget issues were also a concern.

### **Evangelism / Social Concerns**

Advertising for the "rummage sale" will be combined with that of First Presbyterian Church as the events are being held on the same day. Dan T will write an article for the church newsletter urging support and participation in the next El Milagro trip. Janet St. Clair of Lutheran Community Services will conduct the adult forum on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Congregational Life**

Lynn T reports that interest in the Mother – Daughter, All Women luncheon is encouraging and participation promises to be high. The event, "Couture Allure," will feature a show of ladies' fashions through the early years of the last century.

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## **Worship and Music**

Jamie reports that hymnal donations continue. For the time being, hymnals for the chapel will be kept in a rack by the entrance for worshipers to take as they enter. Donations continue to be accepted. Summer worship schedule will begin on June 20<sup>th</sup>, one Sunday service at 9:00 AM. A musical celebration will be incorporated in the service on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **Youth**

Kathy F announced that the "144 envelopes" drive to raise money for the Youth Mystery Trip brought in \$4,100 (\$3,300 from members and \$800 from Thrivent matching funds). Kathy also reported that 25 people, including 6 adults, will be going on the Holden Village trip in May, and that the Blankets for Grads project is substantially complete. The Baccalaureate service may be at Holy Trinity this year, but plans are not yet confirmed. She also reported that over 20 HTLC members walked in the MS event on April 11th and even more contributed. Our members raised well over \$3,000.

## **Christian Education**

The adult forum on parenting conducted by Beth L L was well attended. The possibility of conducting a similar program re. "Grand-Parenting" is being considered. Bridget S will be exploring the possibility of other congregation members having skills or experience applicable to adult forum presentations.

The Child Safety Task Force will present its recommendations at the next council meeting.

On Mother's Day, the dads will teach Sunday School, freeing the mothers who usually teach.

## **Property**

The women's restroom redecoration project is almost complete! Restroom walls will feature photos / art beginning with some photos of El Milagro. Art will be changed periodically.

The committee is beginning to consider planned work on the roof.

We could use a new refrigerator / freezer in the kitchen. This would be a special order, costing around \$8,000.

We are still waiting, still on the list, for the PSE audit of our electricity use.

An estimate of fixing a slow leak in the furnace room is \$500 if all goes well, \$1,500 otherwise.

Chuck P and Gary S will sort and shred as appropriate accumulated HTLC papers.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
John D, secretary