

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
09/23/2007 Congregational Meeting Minutes

Council President Lyle S. called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Pastor F. led devotions.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Proposed Constitution Changes

Dan T. led a discussion of the proposed changes to the HTLC constitution. The largest part of these changes was recommended by the Bishop to bring our constitution into alignment with the ELCA Synod model constitution.

The working committee for this process is Curtis H., Lyle S., Dan T., and Lee J.

There are three layers to our constitutional organization:

- The constitution
All encompassing and hard to change.
- Bylaws
The day-to-day working framework for all committees and other operational matters in the church. A single congregational vote is all that is required to change the bylaws.
- Rules adopted by the Council

Dan then went through all the sections, reviewed the proposed changes, answered questions, and received comments as they arose.

Lyle pointed out that we need to have a specific comment period that ends at a specific date. And that date is October 7, 2007. Any suggestions for new proposed constitutional changes need to be received by that time to be included in this set of amendments. A revised version of the amendments will be prepared and will be presented for approval at a special congregational meeting on December 16, 2007.

Pastoral and Staff Relations Task Force

Dan introduced this topic as well as the proposed member roster of Dan T. (Chair), Orm S., Lyle S., and Pastor A..

A motion was made and seconded to ratify the membership of the task force. The motion passed.

Congregational Covenant

Stacy D. introduced the proposed Congregational Covenant – a promise of how we work together.

There was a question of how to handle an “abuse” of things listed in the covenant. Those concerns will be addressed by appropriate bylaws.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Congregational Covenant. The motion passed.

Worship and Music

Chuck P. announced that, on Veterans’ Day November 11, there is an Old Time hymn sing. The time is 3 PM. We should all attend!

Also, after the October 7, 5 PM service there is a potluck at his house to discuss the future of that service.

Transition Team

Jamie P. introduced the team, consisting of himself, Lynn T., Carolyn K., and Dave H. Their task is to define the mission, vision, and congregational profile for the church. This information is useful during the call process because it helps to identify us to a prospective pastor and tell that person a little bit about who we are.

The team suggests that the name for the group is more appropriately MVP (Mission, Vision, Purpose).

Tent City

Pastor F. reported that the Mercer Island Clergy Association is discussing the possibility of hosting Tent City. There are some questions that we, as a congregation, need to answer if we are interested in being a part of this type of ministry.

- Are we, as a congregation, willing to work with a host congregation if Tent City does come to Mercer Island.
- Would we be willing to host Tent City?

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

David V.
Secretary

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Minutes of Congregational Meeting
of
December 16, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Lyle Snyder, council president, at 12:00 noon.

Pastor Anderson led us in an opening prayer.

Dan Thieme led a discussion on the proposed changes to our constitution. It was moved, seconded and passed to adopt the proposed amendments. Dan noted that our constitution requires a confirming vote before amendments to the constitution can be adopted. These amendments will be presented for final congregational vote at the annual meeting of the congregation on January 27, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.