

2008 Congregational Meeting Minutes

Congregational Meeting Minutes of 1/27/2008

Council President Lyle S called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

A quorum of congregation members attended.

Pastor A led us in an opening prayer.

Several items of business were completed:

1. The congregation reaffirmed the Covenant of Conduct that was approved last year. It was suggested by Sue S from the floor that we need to actively promote the Covenant so it is not forgotten. One suggestion is to include short portions periodically in the newsletter.

2. Minutes from the December 16, 2007 special Congregational meeting were approved.

3. An amended mission statement was approved as proposed by the MVP (Mission, Vision, and Profile) team represented by Jamie P. Our new mission statement is:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a respectful, loving, compassionate congregation living as disciples of Jesus Christ and growing in faith and knowledge of him. We gather to proclaim Christ's good news through fulfilling worship and do Christ's work by reaching out to the local community and the world.

4. The Council submitted the 2007 Annual report for the congregation's consideration. Copies were available at the meeting. Additional copies are available in the Church office.

5. The proposed 2008 budget was presented for approval. This budget is balanced between receipts and spending with additional borrowing from designated Church funds.

An amended Continuing Resolution was presented and approved by the congregation to allow the Council to borrow up to \$103,000 from the Pastoral Housing Fund. The original Continuing Resolution, approved last year, allowed borrowing from this fund up to \$86,000. The additional borrowing will cover deficits in 2006 and 2007, plus continuation of severance and benefit payments to Pastor F in 2008. Beginning in 2009, the Council will budget to "pay back" the funds to the Pastoral Housing Fund in equal payments over eight years.

After approval of the Continuing Resolution, the 2008 Budget was approved after further discussion.

6. The congregation gave a unanimous final approval to the amended constitution. A final vote by the congregation was required after its initial approval in December. It was reported that by-laws are in development. A draft set of by-laws will be presented to the congregation in April with chance for feedback and discussion with the congregation. A complete set of the by-laws will be mailed to the congregation in April. Final approval is projected for the midyear meeting scheduled for May 18, 2008.

7. The 2008 Nominating Committee was elected. Members proposed by the Council were Dian S, Lynne C, David P, Althea E, John D, Darlene C, and Lyle S. A nomination was accepted from the floor for Lisa K. All of these members were unanimously elected by the congregation to serve. The Nominating Committee will develop a slate of candidates to stand for election at the May 18th meeting.

8. HTLC representatives to the 2008 Synod Assembly were elected: Doris J, Norm C, and Loren W.

Pastor A led us in a closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David V
Secretary

May 18 2008 Congregational Meeting

Council President Lyle Snyder called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.
A more than adequate quorum of congregation members attended.
Pastor Anderson led us in an opening prayer.

The minutes from the January 27, 2008 meeting were approved.

Election of Officers, Council, and Committee Members

The slate of officers, council members, and committee members for election was presented. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to fill the positions as proposed.

Congregational Bylaws

Dan Thieme presented the proposed bylaws to the constitution. There was a motion to accept them as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

Endowment Committee Report

Karin Swenson-Moore presented a report from the Endowment committee. There is no official report at the moment however, there is money to allocate to a variety of causes. Currently there is about \$400,000 in the fund.

Treasurer's Report

Don Stoullil presented a financial update. Through April 30, 2008, giving is approximately 10% below projections. As a result we are reducing expenses. On April 30, 2008 our investments were restructured.

Worship Service Feedback

Dan Thieme briefly reported on the results of the Worship & Music survey. The full results are posted to the Church website. 70% of the people who responded to the survey want to keep the Fresh Worship service. There is also strong support to continue the 8 AM service. During the summer there is a single 9 AM service.

Tent City 4

Lindsay reported that the Methodist church is hosting Tent City 4 beginning this August. He suggested that we set up a committee to look into the ways we can support the Methodist church. Lindsay plans to hold an informational meeting June 8, 2008. He will have more details about the process at that time.

Call Process

Lyle Snyder presented the Congregational Profile the Call committee prepared. This is the document we give to the Bishop as he begins to search for potential Pastors for us to interview. Lyle asked for input and that folks send comments and suggestions to him no later than one week from now.

Once the Bishop receives the profile he, or his representative, comes to us with any questions that might arise. Once those questions are answered, then a slate of candidates is presented to the Call committee by the Bishop.

Pastor Anderson led us in a closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Versdahl
Secretary

September 28, 2008 Special Congregational Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Council President Lindsay Anderson at 9:00 AM.

It was announced that there was a quorum in attendance as required by our constitution.

President Lindsay Anderson presented introductory remarks and an overview of the financial resolution to be considered, copies of which were provided to the members in attendance. Members were also provided a printed copy of a brief financial report.

The resolution was entitled "Resolution of the Congregation Regarding 2008 Operating Deficit and Borrowing to Fund It." In brief, the resolution authorizes further borrowing from the Pastoral Housing Fund and the Special Reserve Fund in the amounts necessary to cover actual cumulative operating deficits that are incurred through the end of 2008. In addition, the normal borrowing authority from special funds of up to \$50,000, as provided by Bylaw C12.05.02, is not impaired or reduced by the borrowings authorized by the resolution.

Charles Pietka outlined the financial report.

Dan Thieme made the motion that the resolution be passed. The motion was seconded and several questions from the floor concerning clarification of time lines were answered.

The vote was called for and the resolution passed without dissent.

Respectfully submitted,

John G. Donaldson, Secretary