

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Minutes for 11/8/2011**

Members Present:

Tim Parker, President
Jamie Park, Vice President
Karin Swenson-Moore, Secretary
Dean Pollock, Treasurer
Mary Casady, Social Concerns
Julie Duffie', Christian Education
Tom Elzey, Management
Jackie King, Worship and Music
Gary Schill, Property
Lynn Tuttle, Congregational Life
Lowell Williams, Evangelism
Brendan Rorem, Former President
Pastor Deanna Wildermuth, Sr. Pastor, Ex Officio
Pastor Sue Wanwig, Ex Officio

Members Absent:

Leslie Byrnes, Stewardship
Laurie Sperber, Youth

Staff Present:

Kathy Fisher, Director, Youth and Family Ministry

1. Call to Order

President Tim Parker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Devotions

Pastor Wildermuth led devotions.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Council approved the minutes of the October 11, 2011 meeting with no corrections.

4. Committee Updates

- **Pastor Deanna Wildermuth, representing Stewardship**, reported we have 62 pledges so far representing \$242,000, with several more expected. This compares to a total of 77 pledges last year. A few more families are starting electronic giving, which begins in late 2011. Stewardship is responsible for the Adult Forum on the third Sunday of each month.
- **Mary Casady, Social Concerns**, stated we are working on the healing and wellness ministry, initially focusing on our elderly members. We need a "sunshine person" to send cards to those in need of support. The auction funds will be distributed as follows: \$2500 to Agros, \$7000 divided between Club 24 and First Place School, and \$500-600 held in a discretionary fund. The Disciples CD is for sale.
- **Julie Duffie, Christian Education**, said Trunk or Treat was well attended and fun. The Sunday School Christmas pageant is in process. We want to ensure new Sunday School families get the information they need about programs. The Adult Forum led by a grief

counselor was well-attended. We will be providing subscriptions to The Little Lutheran magazine to new babies in the congregation.

- **Tom Elzey, Management**, indicated the committee is starting the budget process. He suggests the committees build their budget requests rather than starting with the previous total budget.
- **Gary Schill, Property**, stated they are working several small projects including extra clean-up after a wedding.
- **Jackie King, Worship and Music**, reported they have received no significant negative feedback on the new worship format. The mid-week Advent services will feature Christmas songs and will be held in the Chapel.
- **Lowell Williams, Evangelism**, has another new committee member.
- **Lynn Tuttle, Congregational Life**, stated that Operatoberfest was successful, raising over \$3600 plus donated food and clothing, We are not holding the Christmas dinner in December. She is looking for volunteers to assist with hospitality on Christmas Eve, hopefully with fewer family and HTLC commitments than some on her committee.

5. Financial Report (see attachment)

Dean Pollock reported:

- Offerings for the month were slightly under budget but net income was favorable by \$5,369.
- We have a positive variance to budget of \$47,014 year to date through October.
- The financial position is very favorable compared to 2010 YTD.
- Net income for 2011 is essentially breakeven without the new pastor funds.
- The move of accounts to Key Bank from Bank of America is almost complete.
- Dean is working with Cindy Gebhart, bookkeeper, to create a single “miscellaneous income” line and eliminate multiple small line item accounts.

The motion to accept the financial report was seconded and approved without dissent.

6. Staff Report

Kathy Fisher’s report:

- The all-congregation Advent Fair is November 20 after the 10 am service. Brunch will be served.
- 15 students and 4 adults will attend the 2012 National Lutheran Youth Gathering in New Orleans.
- The Confirmation Bake Sale is December 4.
- Kathy has been selected to present at the 2012 ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in New Orleans, jointly presenting with Susie Marks of Hamomi. Kathy is the only presenter from the Pacific Northwest. The East King County Chapter of Thrivent has agreed to sponsor their attendance and will reimburse their expenses.
- Kathy is talking with Chrade about an HTLC trip to Germany in fall 2012 as part of the Luther Decade observance. Kathy will include information in a future newsletter.

7. Planning Task Force Report

The Council reviewed the Strategic Planning Task Force report. The committees are discussing implementation of recommendations specific to their areas of focus. Concern was raised regarding the first quarter 2012 date; that is a goal for seeing progress, not completion. It was noted that approval of the report did not imply approval of every detail suggested in the report,

but rather approval of the direction and moving forward. A motion was made to approve the report as presented. The motion was seconded and passed without dissent.

A three-person committee including Pastor Wildermuth, President Tim Parker, and a third member to be named will hold the Council and committees accountable to moving the recommendations forward. The document has been electronically distributed to the committees. Pastor Wildermuth will lead forums for the congregation to review and discuss the report. Pastor Wildermuth asked that the committees publicly announce their committee meetings.

8. Closing Prayer

9. Adjournment

President Parker adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Swenson-Moore, HTLC Council Secretary