

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2010**

The April 2010 meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Brad Gilbert. The meeting opened with prayer given by Pastor Barry. Members in attendance were: Brad Gilbert, Nevin Taylor, Bev Weiss, Terri Daman, Pat Altvater, Eric Driesiedel, Delores Bills, Kelly Reed, John Hill, Chuck White, Liz Grisham, Deana Taylor, Joanne Weller, Mike Rose and Pastor Barry.

Approval of Minutes

Deana Taylor moved to approve the secretary's minutes. Chuck White seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Terri Daman presented the monthly Treasurer's report. She noted that we are currently behind budget. There was specific discussion regarding the current shortfall in the building fund which pays for the mortgage on the church addition (connecting the church and school) as well as the mortgage on the properties behind the church. Chuck White and Terri presented some refinancing options which were reviewed by council members. Council agreed that a communication should be included in the upcoming monthly newsletter to advise the congregation of the situation. Council members would plan to be available in Cana Hall on Sunday's to answer questions.

Eric Driesiedel made a motion to use funds previously budgeted for the operating debt (which was paid off in recent months) to cover the upcoming month's mortgage shortfall. This would provide funding for the liability for one more month. Liz Grisham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Brad advised council members that there have been no updates to the status of the potential demolition of the house behind the church since the application for the grant was filed.

There was brief discussion regarding how best to allocate the \$10,000 to be received from the estate of Valentina Rausch. Discussion was tabled until next meeting.

Brad reported that he, Bev Weiss, Carman Wirtz, Pastor Barry have formed a committee and will review the current church personnel policy.

He also noted that the building use policy is also under review.

Committee Reports

Mike Rose reported that the selection committee is

actively reviewing and interviewing candidates for the school principal vacancy. He also noted that the school has received resignations from 1 preschool teacher and one prekindergarten teacher.

Pastor Barry expressed thanks to all those who helped with Easter festivities. He noted that confirmation is planned for Sunday, May 23 and that confirmands will attend the May church council meeting to present their essays to council members.

It was noted that member, Julie Eirich Parker has requested a transfer of membership to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Newark. Deana Taylor motioned to accept the transfer request; seconded by JoAnn Weller. Motion carried.

Pat Altvater made a motion to grant permission to have a Bob Evans fund raiser to benefit the parking lot and church chancel remodeling projects. Eric Driesiedel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was noted that there were some funds remaining from the Seder meal. Eric Driesiedel moved to direct those excess funds to the building fund. The motion was seconded by Deana Taylor. Motion carried.

New Business

A request was presented to council to support the Pregnancy Care Center by allowing a small change collection for the center in upcoming weeks. Chuck White moved to approve this request. The motion was seconded by Deana Taylor. Motion carried.

Deloris Bills requested support for our nurse ministry to participate and coordinate with Memorial Hospital for community programs. Nevin Taylor moved to approve this support, seconded by Eric Driesiedel. Motion carried.

It was suggested that the church pursue ownership of a defibrillator to have in cases of emergency. Members suggested that grants may be available which would cover the cost. Nevin Taylor agreed to pursue further information.

The meeting concluded at 8:15 pm with members sharing the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bev Weiss
Church Council Secretary