

**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
October 19, 2009**

**5:30 PM Lighting Christ's Candle
Rick Wolford Opening Prayer**

**Present: Bill Kimberling, George McKinney, Rebecca Tinder, Judith Judy, Sally Blessing, Virginia Cobbs, Emma Wilson, Fritz Christ, Pastor Ron, Rick Wolford
Absent: Vicky Grate, John Rawlins, Greg Mallory**

Committee Reports:

TYG & Christian Ed: Attached

Property: The furnace that heats the Sanctuary is in need of repair and will be looked at in the morning.

Columbarium: The Columbarium Advisory Committee is a standing committee set by council in 2004. Maintenance to the Columbarium to be done by this committee and not the Property Committee. Bill Kimberling recommended the standing committee remain in place. After a sign off by the contractor, Bill Kimberling will get a building permit for construction to begin. All variances are approved by the city and the East End Historical District. Sherry Suppe had indicated in previous discussions that she would like to sell engraved bricks for around \$25 from a local source. Fritz Christ moved we allow that fundraiser to take place. Emma Wilson seconded the motion and the motion passed. A motion to move forward with phase 1 of the construction and giving Rebecca Tinder authority to sign the contract was made by Rick Wolford. Bill Kimberling seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Evangelism: No Report. Tom Tinder is looking to give up the chair for this committee. Karen Stouch has asked George McKinney to get up to take up the slack on getting newspaper ads submitted since Billie Bennington was leaving the office.

Social Ministry: The yard sale was successful but fell short of needed money to sponsor as many baskets as we sponsored last year. The committee is considering having a dinner with church talent as entertainment to make up the difference in monies raised so far for Christmas baskets.

Worship & Music: Saturday night will be Lutherfest. Barbara Wright has requested a leave of absence to study in Germany from May 16 – June 27. Judith Judy moved we grant her that leave with pay. George McKinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Finance & Stewardship: The committee is working on a new memorial fund policy. Finances through September were within 1% of estimated giving.

Pastor's Report: Attached. Dates have changed for the sexuality study. The new dates are November 22 and January 17, 2010. Bishop Dunkin can be here for the January study. The official amount raised by the Tour de Revs is \$250,000.

Secretary's Report: Corrections were made to the minutes. Judith Judy moved to accept the corrected minutes and Bill Kimberling seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report & Budget: Attached.

New Business:

Organ Note Committee – a discussion took place concerning the \$148,000 note on the organ. Rick Wolford will bring the need to repay this to the congregation at the annual meeting.

The church directory is being compiled.

Nominating Committee – Judith Judy, Fritz Christ, Pat Shillings have agreed to serve on the nominating committee. Bill Kimberling moved to accept these people to serve. George McKinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The congregation will be notified prior to the Annual Meeting at 2 services and 10 days prior by mail.

It was agreed to present the budget in sections with private balloting on each section.

Rick Wolford recommended the Property Committee should develop a building use policy that includes a rate structure for use of the facilities.

Submitted budget requests are being reviewed and Rick Wolford will keep the council informed as the budget is being developed prior to the Annual Meeting.

Old Business:

Pastor Ron and Sally Blessing will develop the agenda for the Conversations on the Churchwide Assembly Vote (sexuality study) by the next council meeting.

It's been suggested that the committees report each Sunday on the work they do. The order of their reporting would be alphabetical.

Secretarial position: The executive committee has interviewed Amanda Blount who is presently working in the office as an interim secretary. So far Amanda appears to be a good fit. Rick Wolford suggested that a tree and engraved brick be placed in the Columbarium garden in honor of Billie and Richie Bennington. Rick Wolford will check on the price of trees.

Robin Chesny has been contacted about serving as the church archivist and has agreed to do so.

Meetings:

Committees will meet on November 1, 2009

Next Council will meet on MONDAY, November 2, 2009 5:45 PM

Annual Congregational Meeting is November 8, 2009

Closed with the Lord's Prayer