

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
Sunday December 13, 2009

Lighting Christ's Candle

George McKinney opened with prayer.

Present: Bill Kimberling, Judith Judy, Sally Blessing, Emma Wilson, Pastor Ron, John Rawlins, Vicky Grate, George McKinney

Absent: Virginia Cobbs, Fritz Christ, Rebecca Tinder, Rick Wolford, Greg Mallory

Guest: Eddie Burch

Committee Reports:

TYG & Christian Ed: Sent by Email

Property: Bill Kimberling reported that all the kitchen lights now work and low energy lights have been placed on the parking lot and the sign now lights.

Columbarium: The work on the Columbarium continues.

Evangelism: No report

Social Ministry: The Christmas food baskets will be completed today. The committee will start the year with \$600 in their account.

Worship & Music: The Worship & Music committee is looking to reinstate the taping and distribution of the worship services to shut-ins. There was a discussion on making CDs of special music to sell.

Finance & Stewardship: No Report.

Pastor's Report: Attached. Eddie Burch told council about the new "Trinity Table" dinners to start on Sunday evenings to feed the hungry. This should start in January. Expectations are that approximately 175 families will be fed from the East End. The grant application from the ELCA was declined. There are other community resources for funding that will be tapped. The Burch's would also like to see the kitchen used more as a fellowship tool here in the church. Pastor presented his letter for parsonage allowance that the council must annually approve for tax purposes. Judith Judy made the motion to accept the letter. Emma Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Judith Judy made the motion to accept Rachel Garnes for membership as presented by Pastor Ron. Emma Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Secretary's Report: George McKinney moved to accept the minutes and Judith Judy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report & Budget: No report

Old Business:

Bishop Dunkin is still on schedule to come for our table talk about the church-wide assembly decision on January 17th. To keep up the momentum, council decided to follow the Bishop's discussion 2 weeks later on January 31st with a soup lunch.

The Worship and Music committee will lead the effort to report to the Congregation starting in January. One committee will report each month.

Archivist Discussion – We are still waiting for a commitment from Robin Chesney. George McKinney will ask Heather Harper as a back up or a co-archivist with Robin.

No additional discussion concerning the 2010 budget.

New Business:

Columbarium Contracts – Contracts for Columbarium niches for John Rawlins and Shirley Rawlins by Shirley Rawlins and For Thomas Underwood by Jamie Richardson were presented for approval. Bill Kimberling moved to accept contracts. Judith Judy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Finance Class - carried over to the next council meeting for discussion.

Pastor's Office Hours: 9:00 - 12:00 daily - Pastor stated that he would begin these hours in January and that he might carry these hours 4 days instead of 5.

Sally Blessing brought to the attention of the council that on December 27, the Intercessory Prayer references God as "mother". A discussion followed to strike this reference for the traditional "Father" and to refrain from inclusive language until such a time that the congregation should vote to accept or reject the the church-wide decision made in August. Judith Judy moved and George McKinney seconded the motion. And the motion passed.

Meetings:

Committees: January 3, 2010

2010 Council: January 10, 2010

2010 Council Retreat: January 23, 2010 9:00 AM - ~2:00 PM

Closed with the Lord's Prayer