

Zion Lutheran Church
Hummelstown, Pennsylvania
CHURCH COUNCIL

Regular Congregation Council Meeting
August 20,2009

Regular Council Meeting:

John Alwine	Don Sheaffer
Lynn Danilowicz	Deaconal Minister Marsha Roscoe
LuAnn Doyle	Pastor Darlis Swan.
Chris Ehmann	Bonnie Rudi, Pres.
Liz Joyce	Lori Beaver, V.Pres.
Deb Kepner	Michael Good, Sec.
Greg Seitz	Pastor Russell Mueller
	Bennett Williams, Youth Director

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Congregation Council President Bonnie Rudi.

Devotions and Prayers Concerns: Lori Beaver read from “Having Vision”, which told about those in leadership positions having a vision of what “can be”.

Adoption of Agenda:

Council President Bonnie Rudi presented the agenda for inspection. It was approved without change

Call Process:

Pastor Russell Mueller then took Council through the Call process in great detail, explaining many of the things that must be done to get the process started. For example choosing the Call Committee was discussed. It should be a diverse group, go through team building exercises, and consist of a certain number of members. It’s not just hiring for a job, but deciding if God really wants them to serve here. Expenses should be covered, and meetings must have a prayer or devotions.

There is an Appendix in the booklet with a list of questions to ask the candidate. If a candidate is rejected Council and the Call Committee must be ready to explain why they did so. On page 12, paragraph 2 there were options given if a candidate cannot be observed. However, this is not a good thing to do.

The vote of the Call Committee must be unanimous. The vote of Council need not be unanimous. Once you have rejected a candidate you cannot to back to them.

Pastor Mueller then went through the Ministry Site Profile, explaining each section as he went. Then time was set aside for questions and answer period. It was decided that Council should look over the Profile and prepare to work on it together.

There will be eight members of the Call Committee, having a very diverse make up, Volunteers will be called. The committee itself will decide who is to Chair. The vote on who will make up the Call Committee will be at the September 17 Council Meeting. Council will meet with the Call Committee on October 8, 2009, at 6:30PM

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the last Regular Congregation Council Meeting dated June 18, 2009, were submitted by Council Secretary Michael Good. After the Secretary noted that the two Pastoral Reports were omitted in the retyping of the minutes, the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Communications:

There was a letter from Synod thanking Zion for the contribution of \$32,000.

Senior Pastor's Report:

A written report dated June 18 to August 20, 2009, was submitted by Pastor Darlis Swan.

Highlights and Concerns:

- *The health and wholeness of the Community at Zion – especially in a time of transition*
- *Strong support of the People of Zion for the continuing mission and ministry*
- *The commitment and faith of our leadership – the public witness of the church*
- *The power of Christ's presence in the lives of our members – especially through loss and change*

Pastoral Contacts:

Hospital Calls 20
Home Calls 11
Office Appts. 7

Pastoral Acts:

Teaching "A Feast of Crumbs: Book of Mark" - Bible Study for Senior Women 7/8, 8/12
Preside at worship 20
Preach 16
Baptisms Jaime Logan; Christian Logan; Zachary Logan 7/26
Wedding rehearsals Chris Long and Angela Fuller 7/17

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 Funerals William Campbell 7/18 (graveside)
 Arleen Exum 7/27
 Janet Shuey 7/29 (graveside)
 Commendation of the Dying 1
 Healing Service 1

Administrative Acts:

Meetings Attended 12
 Continuing Education

Churchwide Involvement:

- Lower Susquehanna Synod – Worship and Music Committee Meetings – 7/2, 8/13
- Ecumenical Officers Meeting (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic) 8/18

Other:

Vacation 8/1-8/6

Diaconal Minister's Report:

Name: Marsha Roscoe

Dates: June 17 – Aug 17

Highlights and Concerns:

- VBS was a huge success. Over 100 kids in attendance again this year.
- Assisted with the hiring & training of an assistant preschool teacher in the three year old class.
- In the process of developing an education plan for the entire year. As part of that plan, have adopted a new lectionary-based curriculum for the Sunday school classes. Will provide training on 8/23 after the third liturgy.
- Aware of the growing economic stress of families in the parish. Many losing hours or being laid off. This is also resulting in additional staff time as they, along with the community at large, are turning to the church to help fill some of the gaps.

Pastoral Contacts:

Hospital Calls 7
 Home Calls 4
 Office Appts. 21

Deacon Acts:

Teaching 1 (Augsburg)
 Preach 3
 Weddings rehearsals 1 (Fuller/Long)
 Weddings (as coordinator) 1 (Fuller/Long)
 Serve as Deacon at Funerals 1

Serve as Deacon at Baptisms 0

Administrative Acts:

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Continuing Education

Churchwide Involvement:

- *Have been invited to serve on the Pastoral Advisory Committee for the Hershey Medical Center. Have accepted the invitation to help HMC determine candidate's preparedness for chaplaincy as well as assist with the hiring of new Pastoral staff at HMC as both directors are retiring.*

Treasurer's Report:

A written report dated July 31, 2009, was submitted by Nancy Hartman and Richard Weiss. No Council action was required.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The usual reports of standing committees were not due to the length of other business. Council members could go over submitted reports on their own.

Old Business:

Pictures of the inside of the property of 105 W. Main Street were shown. Minor Cosmetic repairs are needed. Several members of the Congregation have Volunteered to help.

The sale of the Staub property has been completed. It must be decided where the Money should go in the budget.

Extra costs in the bell tower restoration project are \$20,600.00.

New Business:

A handout titled "ELCA Environmental Audit Guide" was given to Council members to be read.

It was announced that in the will of someone from Hummelstown (not a member of Zion) who passed away, money was to be put in an account to be used only in an emergency by the church at a rate of not more than \$5,000.00 per year.

The motion to adjourn was made by Chris Ehman and seconded by LuAnn Doyle.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:18PM

Council then stood and prayed together the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Good
Secretary