

Zion Lutheran Church
Hummelstown, Pennsylvania
CHURCH COUNCIL

Regular Congregation Council meeting
October 15, 2009

Regular Council Meeting:

John Alwine	Don Sheaffer
Lynn Danilowicz	David Sonner
Chris Ehmann	Pastor Darlis Swan
Edward Engle	Bonnie Rudi, Pres.
Liz Joyce	Lori Beaver, V.Pres.
Deb Kepner	Michael Good, Sec.
Jill Kiessling	Nancy Hartman, Finance
Greg Seitz	Chris Good, Youth Rep.

Excused Absence:

Deacon Marsha Roscoe, Luann Doyle, Charles Will

Call to Order:

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

Devotions and Prayer Concerns:

John Alwine gave a reading from the ELCA Council Devotion book on the topic of "Unity". This was very appropriate because of the upcoming Call Process.

Adoption of Agenda:

The agenda was presented for inspection by Council President Bonnie Rudi. It was approved as submitted.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the last Regular Congregation Council Meeting dated September 17, 2009, and the Special Council/Call Committee Meeting dated October 8, 2009, were submitted by Council Secretary Michael Good. They were both approved as submitted.

Communications:

There were no communications.

Senior Pastor's Report:

Interim Senior Pastor: Darlis J. Swan
2009

Date: September 18 to October 15,

Highlights and Concerns:

- Support and collegiality of Zion's staff and leaders
- Concern for the health and well-being of Zion's older members and their needs - especially in times of transition
- Dedication of all those who serve on Zion's committees
- Gratitude for Zion's members and their care and compassion for others
- Energy and spirit among Zion's leaders

Pastoral Contacts:

Hospital Calls 5
Home Calls 6
Office Appointments 2

Pastoral Acts:

Teaching Senior Women's Bible Study – 10/14
Preside at Worship 12
Preach 10
Baptisms 3 – 9/20 Lily Harper Templeton and Luke Donald Templeton; 10/4 Luke Adams
Wedding rehearsals
Weddings
Funerals 9/30 Trishia M. Jones; 10/1 Michael L. Hartman

Administrative Acts:

Meetings Attended 15

Churchwide Involvement:

Lower Susquehanna Synod – Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations Committee – 10/23

Other:

Led worship at Frey Village 9/20

Diaconal Minister's Report:

Marsha Roscoe

Dates: Sept 18 – Oct 14

Highlights and Concerns:

- The energy and enthusiasm of the Sunday school program continues to be contagious. Once again we have wonderfully committed teachers serving our program. Continue to see the holistic approach to education translate into worship as children are recognizing the gospel lesson as it is being read.
- The staff continues to work well together during this time of transition.
- Beginning to prepare for Advent and seasonal activities.

Pastoral Contacts:

Hospital Calls	4
Home Calls	2
Office Appts.	9

Deacon Acts:

Teaching	3 (Adults/Acolyte Training)
Preach	1 (9/27)
Weddings rehearsals	0
Weddings (as coordinator)	0
Serve as Deacon at Funerals	1 (Hartman)
Serve as Deacon at Baptisms	3 (Templeton Twins, Adams)

Administrative Acts:

Meetings Attended	12
Continuing Education	Next month I will attend the second of three retreats required for rostered leaders as part of the three-year long continuing theological education training.

Churchwide Involvement:

- Continue to serve as counselor to six Cub/Boy scouts to help them achieve their “God & Country” badges. Anticipate work to be completed in October.
- Have been invited to be a part of Lutheran World Relief’s Speaker Bureau which means that I may be asked to speak on behalf of Lutheran World Relief at regional/state-wide events.

Youth Report:

Youth representative Chris Good reported that the September meetings of ZYJ and ZYG were well attended. The ZYG theme for the year is Hebrew words. In October it was “Bittachon” (trust) and Berith (covenant). They also learned the difference between human promise and Godly covenant. Future events include an outing at Mt. Gretna and the Haunted House event.

Treasurer’s Report:

Finance representative Nancy Hartman reported that income for September was \$27,000 (\$3,000 short for the month). This is attendance related because giving per unit is steady. Year to date attendance is down by about 1,000. The budget is behind by about \$24,000. Interest and dividends are down so far, but more is to come in. Giving year to date is \$29,000, behind for the year, but with spending kept low and Preschool money to come in, the deficit is only about \$2,800. Money was transferred from the Fislser Fund to pay back the Monford Fund.

COMMITTEES:

Finance:

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

Evangelism:

Deb Kepner reported that an Advent event for families is being planned for the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The Good Shepherd program is being activated, and they are working on deleting the roles.

Personnel:

Lynn Danilowicz reported that the committee is doing a review of the resumes (6) for the position of Wedding coordinator. No council action was required.

Mutual Ministry:

Dave Sonner reported that the committee is still working on the job descriptions for staff. No council action was required.

Christian Education:

There was no meeting for Christian Education or the Preschool committee.

Property:

There was a discussion of the problem with spouting to help with drainage of the Bell Tower. There is no bid from Saul Restoration at this time, but it will probably be around \$10,000 - \$15,000. No Council action was required.

Social Ministry:

Minutes of the meeting dated October 4, 2009, were submitted by Michael Good. Upcoming events listed are the Crop Walk, Glove Drive, and ELCA Barnyard Project. No Council action was required.

Partners With Christ:

Don Sheaffer stated that the committee is providing food for the doctors at the Clinic on October 24. No Council action was required.

Stewardship:

A written report dated October 4, 2009, was submitted by Chris Ehmann. Topics discussed were Reaffirmation Sunday Commitment Cards, Brunch, and Interview with Bishop Hoover DVD. No council action was required.

Worship and Music:

John Alwine said that he will be giving a temple talk about how people can get involved in worship at Zion. No council action was required.

Activities:

Minutes of the meeting dated October 4, 2009, were submitted by LuAnn Doyle. Around 38 people attended the September Pot Luck Lunch. The New York bus trip plans were finalized. Future events were the children's Christmas Pageant on December 20 and the Hershey Bears Hockey for Faith Night on December 27. No Council action was required.

Strategic Properties Committee:

It was reported that the tenant in 23 Rosanna Street is moving into 27 Rosanna. The windows in 23 Rosanna need work. Estimates are being gathered. No Council action was required.

Zion Cares:

Meals are being taken to several members. Names of those in need should be given to the church. No council action was required.

Old Business:

-The papers have been signed for the sale of the 105 W. Main Street property. A net profit of \$99,959 was realized.

-LuAnn Doyle has gathered figures from Church Mutual for insurance.

-The Ministry Site Profile updated meeting for Council and Call Committee with Pastors McKee and Mueller is November 5, at 6:30 P.M.

-The Call Committee will meet on Monday October 19, 2009. They will select a chair.

New Business:

-Committees are to submit their 2010 budget before the November meeting.

-A Motion was made by Lori Beaver and seconded by Don Sheaffer to take money for the new Church Office computer from several of our existing funds. It was approved by unanimous voice note.

-The insurance estimate to fix the cemetery wall was \$8,562.00.

A short discussion was held about the possibility of changing the timing for the Budget process.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. Council then stood and prayed The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Good
Secretary