

May 10, 2007

The regular meeting of the Congregation Council of Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ardmore, Pennsylvania, was held on Thursday, May 10, 2007, at 7:15 pm in the Kugler Room.

CALL TO ORDER

President William G. Frey called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Present were Senior Pastor Harry W. McDowell, Libby Anderson-Hoyer, Robert J. Ertner, William G. Frey, Christine C. Fritton, William A. Henderson, Jr., Barbara G. Keyser, Bonnie M. Legreid, Elizabeth E. McCoid, Louise M. Pierce, David L. Wilson, Jr., and Judith A. Zucker. Absent: Associate Pastor Julie K. DeWerth and Denette P. Stetler.

DEVOTIONS

Pastor McDowell led the devotional period.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Barbara Keyser presented minutes of the regular meeting of the Congregation Council of April 12, 2007, and moved—

That these minutes be approved as presented.

Council decided to place copies of the Council meeting minutes on the narthex table, since not everyone has access to a computer, where the minutes can be read on the church website. An announcement to this effect will be put in the Sunday bulletin and *The Chimes*.

REPORTS

Senior Pastor: Pastor McDowell submitted a written report, copy attached.

Pastor McDowell reviewed his report, highlighting his appreciation of his installation service and his three goals for the summer and fall.

Regarding youth ministry, Louise Pierce suggested a class on theology and modern culture for 15-18-year-olds. Bill Frey suggested substance abuse counseling as another branch of ministry.

The report was accepted.

Associate Pastor: Pastor DeWerth submitted a written report, copy attached.

The report was accepted.

Administration: There was no written report.

President Bill Frey asked Council members to think of qualified candidates to replace those whose terms will expire next February with the idea of broadening the volunteer base and infusing Council with “new blood.” A discussion of the requirements of a Council member followed. Mr. Frey felt that job descriptions for committee chairs would be in order.

The matter of creating a position of Volunteer Coordinator was raised. Bill Frey, Chris Fritton and Bonnie Legreid agreed to develop a job description for such a position.

Worship and Music: Bonnie Legreid submitted a written report, copy attached.

The report was accepted.

Property: Bill Henderson submitted a written report, copy attached.

The report was accepted.

Cemetery: There was no written report.

There was a discussion of putting the database containing information on burial sites and ownership of burial plots in the cemetery on the church’s website. Council felt the suggestion was worthwhile and should be explored.

Bill Frey reported that an Eagle Scout project (Maxwell Frey’s) will be underway in the cemetery the next three Saturdays. Max and his team will be painting the school house and service garage and removing vegetation from gravestone areas.

Christian Education: Elizabeth McCoid submitted a written report, copy attached.

The report was accepted.

Stewardship: There was no written report.

David Wilson reported that planning will soon begin for Commitment Sunday in the fall.

Staff Personnel: Christine Fritton submitted a written report, copy attached.

Mrs. Fritton reported that her committee will begin work to revise the Personnel Policies and Practices.

The report was accepted.

Evangelism: Barbara Keyser submitted a written report, copy attached.

She noted that the pictorial directory is currently at Merion Art and Repro being printed and bound, and she expects to see a sample copy tomorrow. She was happy to report that an anonymous donor has come forward to underwrite the cost.

The report was accepted.

Social Ministry: Denette Stetler submitted a written report, copy attached.

At the request of chair Mrs. Stetler, a motion was made—

To add Kendall Cadd to the Social Ministry Committee.

Seconded and, on vote taken, the motion carried.

Parish Activities: There was no written report..

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Secretary: Judi Zucker submitted a written report, copy attached.

The report was accepted.

Treasurer: Bob Ertner submitted a written report, copy attached.

The report was accepted.

Finance Committee: Bill Frey submitted a written report, copy attached.

Mr. Frey reported that there was \$2.2 million in the Endowment Fund as of the end of April. He recommended to Bill Henderson, Property Chair, that the committee might obtain estimates for restoring the stained glass windows and making other needed repairs in the sanctuary, such as fixing the pews, as possible Endowment Fund proposals to the congregation at the next annual meeting.

The report was accepted.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

There was no outstanding business.

NEW BUSINESS

- Correspondence: there was none.
- The calendar was circulated for the addition of meetings and activities. It was recommended, and on vote by Council decided, that the meeting that would ordinarily be scheduled for July 5, 2007, would be canceled in keeping with past practice to forgo meeting in July.

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, June 7, 2007, at 7:15 pm in the Kugler Room.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, it was moved—

That the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded and, on vote taken, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm following the Lord's Prayer.

BARBARA G. KEYSER, Secretary