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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

February 18, 2008

In attendance: Pastor Dan Poffenberger, Jolene Patterson, Terry Arnesen, Sheila-Marie Untiedt, Bob Eiselt, K.C. Kidder, Todd King, Eric Jackson

1. The meeting was called to order by Jolene at 6:30 PM.
2. The meeting started with introductions followed by a prayer from Pastor Dan.
3. ***Election of officers***
 - a. Jolene was elected President, Terry was elected Vice President and Sheila- Marie was elected Secretary.
4. ***Overview of Policy Governance***
 - a. An overview of Governance Policies was presented. The four main policies being developed are Outcome Policies, Council Self Governance Policies, Council and Senior Pastor Relationship policies, and Executive Limitation Policies. Last year focused on developing Council Self Governance Policies, Council and Senior Pastor Relationship policies, and Executive Limitation Policies. This years focus will be on Outcome policies.

The difference between governing policies (see above) and administrative polices (such as privacy policy, employee handbook policies etc.) were discussed.

Todd King volunteered to over see the Policies as we draft edit and develop the final documents.
5. ***Secretary's Report.***
 - a. The January 21, 2008 Congregational Council meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
6. **Trinity for tomorrow update.**
 - a. **Interview results.** On February 11, 2008 The interview team (Bev Bergstrom, Mark Gieseke, Terry Arnesen, Larry Loyer, Bob Eiselt, Dan Poffenberger and Paul Holmes) met with the four short-listed architectural firms (BTR, HGA, Kodet, and Cunningham).. Afterwards the interview team unanimously agreed to recommend to the Trinity for Tomorrow team that HGA be awarded the needs Analysis work.
 - b. **Parking Ramp update.** There will be a meeting this Thursday with the "Heritage Preservation Committee", or HPC. Trinity for Tomorrow has hired an attorney (David K. Snyder of Eckberg, Lammers, Briggs, Wolff & Vierling, PLLP) to advise TLC on the Parking Ramp. There may be a need for a special congregational meeting on April 20, 2008 to vote on issues affecting the parking ramp on Third Street.
7. ***Financial Reporting:***
 - a. Bob reported on current financials and income summary. There was also discussion pertaining to the types of reports that the Council would like to review in 2008.

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8. ***Synod Assembly***
 - a. The annual Synod Assembly will be held May 30-31. Council members are highly encouraged to participate and attend. For more information see the St Paul area synod web site at <http://www.spas-elca.org/> Registrations need to be submitted by April 18th.

9. ***Announcements:***
 - a. Sunday, March 2nd – Council Installation at the 10:30 service
 - b. Monday, March 24th 6:30 p.m. – Council Meeting with Trinity for Tomorrow and Ryan Torma (Dan to confirm date with TFT and Ryan, Bob to confirm location)
 - c. Monday, April 14th – Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 - d. Sunday, April 20th – potential Congregational Council Meeting after 10:30 service for approval for ramp negotiations

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry Arnesen
Vice President