

Holy Trinity United Methodist
Church Conference
11/27/16

This church conference has been authorized by the Annual Conference to be held, presided over by two elders, Chad Gilbertson and Barbara Moore.

Opened with prayer

Business:

- 1) Approval of Pastoral Compensation-Required (led by Mary Haugen, member of SPRT.)
The pastoral compensation worksheet was presented by Mary Haugen, member of SPRT. Rev. Barbara Moore entertained a motion to approve compensation as presented. Motion carried.
- 2) Approval of (continuing) Certified Lay Speaker-Required (Form 2) It was moved to approve Carol Ottoson's continuing as Certified Lay Speaker, motion carried.
- 3) Inactive/Unresponsive Membership Report-Required
 - a. One Year Inactive/Unresponsive. This list was received.
 - i. Lori Boeckman
 - ii. Shaun Hutchison
 - iii. Brenda Maybery
 - iv. Ericka Rankka
 - v. Roxanne Rolczynski
 - vi. William & Roberta Schult
 - vii. Mark & Anita Snodgrass
 - viii. Scott & Mignyon & Logan Warren
 - b. Two Years Inactive/Unresponsive. This list was received. Karen Amundson will be moved to a constituent list and will continue to receive contact. She can be reinstated upon request.
 - i. Karen Amundson
- 4) 2017 Leadership List-Required. List of new and continuing leadership was presented. Some slots remain to be filled. Any leaders for openings left after the conference can be nominated and approved by the Core Team. The list was presented and approved.
- 5) Report on the history and status of the Building Committee (active 2007-2010). Approximately \$500,000 was raised in first two years, \$100,000 in the final year. With a budget of about \$1.5M, the Committee looked at what was possible for building new worship space off of County Rd 21. They worked multiple iterations of the plan, but kept coming to a cost of closer to \$2.5M. Looking at building a more generic universal, multi-purpose space (to be in place of the parsonage). Same cost issues. Paid off mortgage debts on other properties, and demolished buildings. New Life Fund replaced flooring, painted, added art to various spaces. ~~\$203,131.72~~ remains. **(ADDENDUM:** Following the conference it was determined that there is an additional account dedicated to the building fund with \$101,184 in it, for a total of **\$304,315.72)** The Core Team is recommending looking at accessibility issues in our

current space, and coming up with 2-3 options for dealing with the challenges people with mobility issues face. Jim Weninger moved that a building accessibility study team be formed to research the issue. Mary Haugen seconded. Holy Trinity is seeking volunteers and nominations for people to be involved in a team to research accessibility. As with all teams we would be looking for a good representation of age, gender, length of membership with Holy Trinity. Members of the team would have a tenure of 9 months, and would make recommendations, not decisions. Amendment (Jim Weninger): Any costs associated with research, such as an architect or consultant, should be absorbed by vendors who are providing bids, any additional needs must be approved by the Trustees. Motion carried.

6) Other items brought before the Conference:

- a. Core Team (Mary Haugen) Question: How is the Core Team is evaluated in meeting the goals of encouraging participation, making leadership more flexible and effective. This information is needed soon. Answer: This has also been a topic of discussion at Core Team, (see minutes of Nov 18). More ways to evaluate and communicate will be visible soon.
- b. Finances (Otti Castriotta) There are questions about how the money raised by Holy Trinity is spent and how the budget is approved. Discussed that ministry teams request budget amounts, (all were approved for 2017).
- c. Financial Commitments (Larry Butler) Question: How do we appear to be doing for this year? Answer: We are about \$8,000 less in pledges received than 2016, but there are 23 commitments from people who pledged in 2016 who have not yet turned in their commitment for 2017, and it is expected some will still be coming in. Eight new pledges were received during the most recent stewardship campaign.

7) Closing: Chad applauded attendees and leadership for accomplishments in 2016, and is anticipating amazing things in 2017. We will continue to do our best, but God will do even greater things than we can imagine.