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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

March 24, 2008

In attendance: Jolene Patterson, Bob Eiselt, Sheila-Marie Untiedt, Pastor Dan Poffenberger, Terry Arnesen, Todd King and Eric Jackson. Also present were members of Trinity for Tomorrow, Gratitude Team, Core Leadership Team and Trinity staff members.

Not Present: K.C. Kidder

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.
2. Attendee introductions followed by a prayer from Dan.
3. ***Presentations***
 - a. Ryan Torma of Spirit Garage presented “Branding of Religion” considering popular culture’s role in development of new worship initiatives and formats to continue the Great Commission. Ryan is working closely with Jason Herd and Jeremy Johnson to frame and develop “The Source”.
 - b. Tom Johnson of HGA presented an overview of the Facilities and Space Assessment that is underway. He highlighted the process, timeline, report format and the Trinity for Tomorrow team’s role in the Congregational presentations.
4. ***Trinity for Tomorrow***
 - a. Mark Gieseke presented a slide show of the previous renovation and expansion.
 - b. Drive in Parcel- Ryan Karlstad outlined the progress to date. The attorney is preparing due diligence research on the available uses and limitations of the parcel. Council would need to take action to initiate purchase if deemed appropriate. Discussion could occur after the May 18th findings of the Facilities and Space Assessment are completed.
 - c. Fourth Street Parcel- Eric Jackson discussed the intention of SCPA to vacate the property June 2009 assuming their new facility is completed. The loss of their rental revenue is positioned

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against the opportunities for that parcel. Community discussions have occurred regarding the need for space for performing arts and also small use rooms and facilities. The parking surface relates with the discussions regarding a municipal parking ramp.

d. Third Street Parcel- Mike Holston outlined discussions and negotiations with The City of Stillwater regarding their acquisition of the Third Street parcel in tandem with possible easements in consideration for Trinity's acquisition of the Fourth Street parking lot parcel currently owned by the City. Mike presented a proposed draft motion for the Council to consider at the April 14th meeting. The proposed motion presented by Mike is the following, with a few minor changes to be made prior to the April meeting:

In connection with the proposed parking ramp and related parking lot (located between 2nd and 3rd St) to be owned, constructed and maintained by The City of Stillwater, the Congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church, Stillwater, MN ("Trinity") authorizes The Congregational Council and their designates to negotiate and execute a Development Agreement with the City of Stillwater.

Such agreement will include: (1) a land exchange of certain properties respectively owned by Trinity and the City of Stillwater and (2) assignment of access and complimentary usage of the Parking Ramp to Trinity, to be specifically detailed in The Development Agreement, including Sunday mornings and such other times and conditions to be negotiated by the Congregational Council.

The land exchange will include: (1) the transfer of title of up to three Trinity properties located on 3rd St ("Trinity Properties") to The City of Stillwater and (2) the transfer of title to the parking lot, located at the corner of 4th & Myrtle Streets ("City of Stillwater Property"), owned by the City of Stillwater to Trinity. Adoption of this motion, authorizing The Congregational Council to negotiate and execute the Development Agreement, is contingent and subject to the approval by The Stillwater City Council.

Property Descriptions:

Trinity Properties

Lot 16, 17 and that part of Lot 18, lying southerly of a line drawn southeasterly from the northwest corner of Lot 18 to a point on the south line of Lot 18, 25 feet westerly from the southeast corner, all in Block 19 Original Town (now City) of Stillwater.

City of Stillwater Property

The West 50 feet of Lot 14, 15, & the West Half (W1/2) of Lot 16, except the easterly Fifteen (E'ly 15) feet thereof, Block Twenty 20, Original Town (now City) of Stillwater.

Alternative Easement language:

"transfer of title to two Trinity properties ("Trinity Properties – Title Transfer") and located on 3rd St and granting of easement to one Trinity property ("Trinity Property – Easement Transfer").

e. Post Office Parcel- Dan provided an update on the ongoing discussions with the USPS regarding the vacating of that site and possible relocation. The USPS will release a list of potential relocations on October 1, 2008.

f. Communications Plan- Kathy Tunheim discussed the key messaging strategy the TFT team will present in Trinity Today. TFT will also facilitate an informational meeting April 6th after the 10:30 service and also May 18th after the 10:30 service to present the HGA Facilities Assessment report and findings.

g. Re-chartering of TFT- discussion will occur after the May 18th meeting

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5. ***Financial Report***

- a. Bob reported on current financials and income summary.

6. ***Approval of Minutes***

- a. February 18, 2008 minutes were tabled until April 14, 2008. Final version pending.

7. ***Synod Assembly***

- a. Final delegate slate will be presented at the April 14th Council meeting for approval. Registration must be complete by April 18th 2008.

8. ***Announcements***

- a. Sunday April 6th- TFT informational meeting after the 10:30 service
- b. Monday April 14th- Council meeting, 6:30 pm in conference room
- c. Sunday April 20th – Congregational meeting
- d. Sunday May 18th- TFT meeting after 10:30 service- Facilities Assessment Report

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheila-Marie Untiedt
Secretary