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## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

November 19, 2007

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**In attendance:** Bob Eiselt, Jolene Patterson, Sheila-Marie Untiedt, K.C. Kidder, Pastor Dan Poffenberger, Dale Evensen, John Weyrauch and Terry Arnesen. Guests: Bishop Peter Rogness of the St. Paul Area Synod and Gail Olson, Vice President of the St. Paul Area Synod.

**Not Present:**

1. The meeting was called to order by Jolene at 6:30 PM.
2. Introductions were followed by an opening prayer from Bishop Rogness.
3. ***Synod business***
  - a. Bishop Rogness updated the Council on the Synod's Crossing Bridges/Connecting to Mission appeal and inquired as to Trinity's interest in participation as a donor. There was discussion as to overlap with Trinity's current mission efforts and participation options in the next two to three years.
  - b. Bishop Rogness and Gail Olson reported on the Synod's experiences with Policy Governance. The Synod's experience is largely positive although they have different responsibility restrictions as controlled the ELCA.
4. ***Trinity for Tomorrow***
  - a. Ryan Karlstad, Chair of the Drive-in sub-committee, gave an update on the current drive-in status and requested council support to proceed in discussions with the current landowner. A motion was made to authorize the Trinity for Tomorrow committee to engage a real estate attorney to complete the due diligence research and to recommend an initial purchase price offer in order to potentially enter into negotiations with the seller. M/S/P, Untiedt/Weyrauch
  - b. Bob presented a Right of Entry agreement necessary for Stillwater City to proceed with soil borings and related activities on the proposed parking ramp site. A motion was made to authorize Bob Eislet to sign the Right of Entry agreement with Stillwater including any additional documents related to insurance and/or indemnity. M/S/P, Untiedt/Patterson

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5. ***Secretary's Report.***

- a. The October 29, 2007 Congregational Council meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

6. ***Financial Reporting:***

- a. Bob reported on current financials and income summary.
- b. Bob and K.C. would like to discuss their recommendation for the Finance Team at the December Council meeting.
- c. Revised 2008 Ministry Goal-Setting and Budget Building schedule was distributed.
- d. A motion was made to authorize Jolene Patterson to sign the Edward Jones brokerage Re-Authorization. M/S/P, Weyrauch/Arneson

7. ***Announcements:***

- a. Next Congregational Council meeting – December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sheila-Marie Untiedt  
Secretary