

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Minutes April 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. by president, Judy Conrad.

Members present: Pastor Bettye Wolinski, Judy Conrad, Brian Hammond, Barb Smith, Sam Young, Lauren Rowe, June Habeck-Holler, Junior Michael, Erin Harman, Barbara Winebrenner, Craig Fentress, Carol Martin and Inge Dudda (Treasurer).

Members absent: Mike Mowen

Devotions: Pastor Bettye opened with prayer. Chapter 9 in the Acts study book was postponed until next month.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report/Endowment Fund:

March 2017 financials were approved.

Finance Team will be asked to meet on a monthly basis.

Council suggests each individual team receive a report showing their remaining Budget balance.

Finance team will meet on April 24.

Fellowship and Parish Life Team:

It was reported that 247 were in attendance at Easter worship service which was at 9 A.M. 130 people ate breakfast and \$872.00 was collected.

Property Team:

Property team presented a motion to request bids as follows:

“The Property Team would like to change the bid value threshold requiring 3 competitive bids from \$2,500. To \$5,000.”

Motion was made, seconded and approved.

Social Ministry:

Social Ministry team made a motion as follows:

“In order for the Outreach program to continue its ministry, we move that a commitment of \$15,000. be allocated from the budget for the next two years”.

Motion was made, seconded and approved.

This council approved commitment will be presented to the Finance team and the Endowment team.

Congregational support for our Outreach ministry should be discussed at our next quarterly congregational meeting.

Web Team:

The Web Team has a contractual 5 hour per week position available, as Web Editor. This position would end December 31, 2017. Job description/duties have been formulated and will be presented to the Personnel team for review. This position would be posted at Hagerstown Community College, the University of Maryland and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Worship and Music Team:

Worship and Music team made a motion as follows:

“To accept the proposal for audio equipment for organizations that come in to use our facilities in the amount of \$2,500. Which includes a locking cabinet for same in Fellowship Hall.”

Motion was made, seconded and approved.

Funds for this expenditure may come from an undesignated gift received recently.

Discussion followed regarding the Facilities Use Policy and someone administering said Policy.

Personnel Team:

A motion was made as follows:

“Any church committee that requires the use of Ricky’s time to assist them will be reimbursed from the committee’s budgeted amount and this would be effective immediately. Reimbursement would be outside regular 40 hours and to be reimbursed at time and one-half.”

This motion was made and tabled until the May council meeting.

Discussion was followed by each council member requesting a copy of Ricky’s job description.

Senior Ministry:

The Senior Ministry team did not meet in April. They will meet May 19. Bingo is scheduled for May 11 and an Ice Cream Social will be held in July.

The Social Ministry team was asked if they would like to handle the Easter lilies as they do the Christmas poinsettias and deliver them to our nursing home and home bound members.

Synod Benevolence:

A motion recorded in the Council Minutes is as follows:

“We are required to send the first quarterly payment of \$2,400. (1/4 of the annual budgeted amount of \$9,600.) to the Synod.”

Motion was made, seconded and approved with two members in opposition.

New Business:

Pastor Bettye distributed literature, “Reconciling in Christ”, welcoming the LGBTQ people. This information was given to council members to read/research and consider for our May council meeting. Do we want to become a LGBTQ site? We will vote on this matter at our next council meeting.

Pastor’s Report:

Pastor Bettye’s review of Council Meeting, March 22, 2017

- Completion of Facility Use Policy – Property Team
- Support/decide on Facility Use Manager role – Executive, Property and Fellowship & Parish Life Team
- Proposal for boiler fund pay off plans within the first 6 months of 2017 – Finance Team

President’s Report:

President, Judy Conrad thanked all who made our Lent, Holy Week and Easter celebration such a meaningful worship experience.

She reported that the Fellowship & Parish Life team has voted to help Aaron Little with his Eagle Scout project. His budget is now approximately \$1,700. He has raised \$1,100.

Justin Monroe’s Eagle Scout project has not been completely funded. CORRECTION: Justin Monroe’s Eagle Scout project was completely funded. (See May 16, 2017 Council Minutes)

Mutual Ministry Team:

Mutual Ministry team liaison suggested using a form specifically for submitting motions to be included in council packets.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to conclude the Church Council Meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Pastor Bettye and council members ended the meeting with the Lord’s Prayer.

The next Church Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, at 6:30 P.M. in the Boardroom.