

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes February 21, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33PM by president, Judy Conrad.

**Members present:** Pastor Bettye Wolinski, Judy Conrad, Mike Mowen, Brian Hammond, Barb Smith, Sam Young, Lauren Rowe, Carol Martin, June Habeck-Holler, Junior Michael, Erin Harman, Barbara Winebrenner and Inge Dudda (Treasurer). Colleen Gildee attended to take minutes. Hunt Hardinge and Justice Monroe from Troop 10 attended to present his Eagle Scout project.

**Members absent:** None

**Devotions** Pastor Bettye opened with prayer. Chapter 8 in the Acts study was discussed. For next month, please read Chapter 9 and be ready to discuss your question.

**Minutes** The minutes of the January 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report/Endowment Fund**

January 2017 financials were approved. During the March informational meeting, we would like to present the remaining boiler loan amount and the estimated cost to replace the A/C sanctuary.

**New Business**

**Eagle Scout Project** – Justice Monroe, after visiting the REACH Shelter, discovered a need for a place for guests to store their shoes/boots while there. Justin would like to make 42 shoe/boot boxes, estimated requested funds of approximately \$250. He would like to come to church on one Sunday to ask for donations. Council asks for a copy of the project notes for record. Any funds beyond the cost of the project will be donated to the church. He will be invited to attend/present Sunday services during the first Sunday of Lent. Lauren Rowe will create special envelopes for donations. Information will be placed in bulletin.

**Trinity Community Outreach** – Delayed until further notice. Pastor Stan Steele, pastor of St. Mark's, informed us that they have begun work towards a 501c3 serving the same purpose. Pastor Stan will meet with the Dean of the Conference and Pastor Bettye to review potential partnerships. We should not have competing organizations.

**Parochial Report Review** – Pastor Bettye reviewed the information contained in the parochial report submitted to the synod for 2016. A copy of the report is provided in the monthly packet.

**Pr. Greg Shook – Seminary Support**

Pastor Greg Shook is working with a candidacy team in order to become ordained in the ELCA. The initial investment required for Pastor Greg to continue his work is \$1,300. He will first use his Continuing Education budgeted funds of \$500 and the balance of \$800 will be funded from undesignated funds.

**Motion was made, seconded, and passed to provide Pastor Gregory Shook the balance of funds (\$800) from undesignated donations to begin the candidacy evaluations.**

**Dr. Johannsen's Funeral Expenses** – A videographer was hired to record the service as so many people were unable to attend the funeral. Trinity also contributed the cost of 50 meals for the reception.

**Motion was made, seconded, and passed to cover funeral expenses to from the general undesignated memorial funds.**

**Hershey Fund Update**

John Hershey informed Pastor Bettye that the church would be eligible to apply for Hershey Foundation funds (\$5,000-\$7,500). He will forward the required paperwork. These funds will be requested to support the food/clothing banks.

**Retreat Review and Covenant** – The information discussed in the retreat was presented for council signature. A hard copy will be posted with the minutes.

**Goals from the Committees** – A list of goals were contained in each committee's minutes as well as in a separate document for ease of review. Some goals require multiple team participation.

**Synod Mission Support Commitment Card** – The Synod has sent a pledge card to each congregation requesting the anticipated amount of synod benevolence for 2017. This request will be sent to the Finance Committee for a recommendation.

**Posting of Council Agenda/Minutes** – In the spirit of transparency, we would like to post the agenda/minutes. Both print and electronic copies will be available.

### **President's Report**

Shrove Tuesday will be held next week. Extra baskets are available if a committee needs one to complete their project.

### **Staff Reports**

Pastor Bettye – We will be asking the Literacy Council to pay a fee for the use of the building to cover expenses. This is an effort to be in compliance with the Building Use Policy.

Fellowship/Parish Life will supply a meal for the first week of midweek Lenten service and provide sign-ups for the remaining weeks for meals to be provided from attendees.

### **Team Reports/Pass the Gavel:**

Personnel:

- Team spent time talking to Pr Greg regarding his candidacy process.
- Contracts for AWallace and CGildee completed, signed, and filed.
- Job Description for Sexton was reviewed. Some tasks removed/assigned to other teams. A check-off list and timesheet will be developed to better help capture his working hours. We will also enforce the building use policy to compensate him for his time.

Senior Ministry:

- Will be seeking additional members for the team.
- Would like to host another church event other than bingo – currently discussing options.

Christian Ed:

- Meetings will be held on Wednesdays
- World Religions class postponed to fall
- Children helping Children kicked off – will be done once per month on youth Sundays.
- Mobile Mar-Lu VBS will be held from 19-24 June
- June Habeck will inform Lisa Norgard that the trip to the mosque will be done within the World Religions curriculum

Worship & Music:

- Quarterly meetings will take place after each service – we will not have unity services on those days
- One of the many goals of the W&M committee is to create a calendar for worship assistants (lectors, communion assistants, etc) during the 11am service. Lauren Rowe is creating a calendar beginning with volunteers from council.

Chris Comms/Tech Team:

- Discussing the creation of guidelines of what goes on the website. Any submissions for the website can be sent to Craig, Erin, Genny Hammond, and Pastor Bettye. Additional details are forthcoming.
- Please review the website and provide feedback – particularly as it pertains to your teams. All suggestions are welcome.

Property:

- The team is looking for additional contractors with whom to work. The team is finding that some of the larger area contractors are not as responsive (or unresponsive) to some of the church's smaller, yet important, needs.
- Trying to get a quote for the sanctuary A/C in time for the first informational meeting in March.
- Water leak in boardroom which began last week. Waiting on response from Mike Markle and Keith Staley on cause/recommendations for repair.
- Estimate for removable fence along the ramp leading to the courtyard and along parking lot received (coordinated by Gary Nunamaker)
- Apple Valley Waste will become our new trash service

Mutual Ministry:

- Met with Ken Fehlauer to discuss concerns about lack of enthusiasm for promoting the church, membership, etc. Mutual Ministry will probably have a follow up meeting with him.

Fellowship/Parish Life:

- Fellowship/Parish life is busy! Just in the next week, there is a funeral, unity service, and shrove Tuesday.
- The team is looking for a few additional members.
- Would like to have refreshments or a light meal after unity services.

Social Ministry:

- Part of the goals of the team is to educate the congregation on the financial backing of the food/clothing banks as well as the growing need in the community
- Evaluating Jeff's position – can he be 'replaced' by one person or would the responsibilities be better shared among a group of people
- Deciding how to best provide for Micah's emergency needs
- Sponsoring a driver's ed student

**Motion was made, seconded, and passed to conclude the Church Council meeting at 9:15 pm.**

Pastor Bettye ended the meeting with prayer.

**The next Church Council meeting is Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Boardroom.**