

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Minutes March 21, 2017

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

Members present: Pastor Bettye Wolinski, Judy Conrad, Mike Mowen, Brian Hammond, Barb Smith, Sam Young, Lauren Rowe, June Habeck-Holler, Junior Michael, Erin Harman, Barbara Winebrenner and Inge Dudda (Treasurer). Jeff Reed and Ralph Conrad attended to present information regarding Trinity's Outreach Program, namely the Food Pantry. Andy Wallace was in attendance to present information to Upgrade the audio/visual system in Fellowship Hall.

Members absent: Craig Fentress and Carol Martin

Devotions: Pastor Bettye opened with prayer. Chapter 9 in the Acts study book was postponed due to many items on the Agenda. For next month, please read Chapter 9 and be ready to discuss your question.

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

Treasurer's Report/Endowment Fund: February 2017 financials were approved.

New Business:

Outreach Program Updates - Jeff Reed presented statistics on the Food Pantry and the number of families and individuals served for the years 2000 to 2016. He also presented a Financial Summary for 2016. There was much discussion regarding the future of Trinity's Food Pantry and Clothing Bank due to the end of the Hershey funding. Pastor Bettye reported she has had a meeting with Kathy Powderly, Executive Director, HARC regarding the possibility of a partnership with them. Developing a 501c3 was not advised as this area is saturated with requests for grants from non-profit organizations. Social Ministry needs to come to us with a 2-year plan. June Habeck-Holler will continue to write articles for the Newsletter and Lauren Rowe will bring copies of the handouts to the quarterly congregational meeting, March 26. It was decided by Council that this matter become an item of business at every Council meeting.

Upgrade to audio/visual System - Andy Wallace presented Pricing and Product Information prepared by Timothy R. Klick to Upgrade the Audio System including a separate cabinet for same in Fellowship Hall. Andy explained the need for this equipment is a result of outside groups using the audio/visual equipment maintained and used by the Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall. This equipment would be available for outside groups to use and the fee for same would be included in the Facilities Use Policy.

Donation of Game Table -A new Game Table has been donated and will be placed in the Boy Scout Room. This donation was made in memory of Pastor Eric Norgard.

Summer Worship Schedule – The summer worship schedule was discussed regarding our present air conditioner. Pastor Bettye suggested having one service at 10 A.M. from June 11 to Rally day alternating in the Nave and Fellowship Hall, as long as we have air conditioning in the Nave.

Staff & Team Goals - Staff and Team Goals were noted and are considered for a strategic plan.

Quarterly Congregational Information meeting, Sunday, March 26 – There is a need for communication to the Congregation.

5-hour position for IT - This position will be presented to the Personnel Committee. This position would be contractual and the hours needed are to be determined.

Synod Assembly – The assembly will be in Ocean City, Maryland – June 1, 2 and 3.

President's Report

Time and Talent Sheets will be used again and it was suggested each Team submit an article for the monthly Messenger. Articles should be forwarded to Leslie LeBlanc or Colleen. Next deadline is March 25.

Team Reports/Pass the Gavel

Worship & Music:

It was suggested to the Property Committee that Boy Scout Troop 05 is interested in raising money for a trip to Philmont, NM the summer of 2018. They would be interested in mowing the grass, cleaning debris from shrubs around the building, weeding flower beds and spreading mulch when needed. The scouts would earn hours of community service and this would eliminate overtime hours for the Sexton. A donation would be made from the Property Committee.

Christian Education:

VBS is scheduled for the week of June 19. Two counsellors will be provided and the fee has been forwarded to Mar Lu Ridge. Chris Ed would be responsible for housing the counsellors.

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held following the Easter breakfast in the Nave.

Meet the Teachers will be May 23.

The committee has decided there is no need for the helium tank.

IT:

We need to develop a method to approve information/articles/pictures submitted for the Web site. Thank you notes from food pantry families will be included on the Web site.

Fellowship & Parish Life:

Planning for Easter Breakfast, April 16.

Ladies Nite Out scheduled for May 4.

Overseeing the Lenten Soup & Services.

Recently prepared Fellowship Hall and desserts for the funeral of Robert Zeigler.

Property:

A motion was made and tabled that the Property Committee increase the amount from \$2,500. to \$5,000. per expenditure, without council approval. This motion will be reviewed at the next Council Meeting.

Republic Waste Management will get a certified letter stating our wish to terminate their service. Apple Valley will be our new provider.

A motion was made to spend \$4,000 to prepare engineering bid specs for the installation of a new air conditioner in the sanctuary to L. S. Grim Architects & Matonak.

A new air conditioner will be installed in the Boardroom and the Boardroom should be repaired the first week in April. Pastor Bettye and Council suggested that three (3) members of the Property Team be assigned to the purchase and installation of the air conditioner in the Sanctuary. Three names should be submitted to Council by the next Council meeting.

Social Ministry:

The Food Pantry passed a State inspection recently with flying colors. They have set a high standard for food storage and distribution.

Mutual Ministry:

Three names were suggested to replace Leslie LeBlanc on the committee. Tim Higgins was suggested and he will be contacted as soon as possible.

Pastor Bettye apologized for the lateness of the council meeting. She made a suggestion that should a team have a motion to present, print it out ahead of time and submit to be included in council packets.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to conclude the Church Council Meeting at 9:05 P.M.

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

The next Church Council Meeting is Tuesday, April 18, at 6:30 P.M. in the Boardroom.