

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Minutes August 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by president, Craig Fentress

Present: Craig Fentress, Pastor David Eisenhuth, Ginny Doarnberger, Craig Robinson, Mary Madurski, Barbara Winebrenner, Maggie Stone, Craig Robinson, Junior Michael, June Habeck-Holler, Colleen Gildee, Leslie Leblanc (congregant/visitor)

Absent: Mark Deiterich, Lauren Rowe

Prayer and Devotions

Prayer led by Pastor David.

Minutes: The minutes of the June council meeting were reviewed and approved with one clarification: to add names as volunteers for staffing table and confirm tent has not been ordered.

Treasurer's Report/Endowment Fund: July 2019 financials were reviewed and approved.

Team Reports and Motions

Chris Ed: Ask the congregation to contribute funds towards the Habitat for Humanity basket to offset the cost. Funds will be paid up front to Jane Drawbaugh to purchase contents.

Floor in food bank should be assessed for replacement. Tiles are loose and showing old floor. Craig Robinson recommends contacting Hagerstown Floors. Refer to Property.

Concerns expressed over drug use in restrooms and safety of volunteers in food and clothing banks. How can we provide a method for volunteers to call police/ambulance? Would a second keypad with one-button access or a key fob (from our current security company) solve this particular concern? Updated cameras? Refer to Property.

Packing Party on October 12th for Operation Christmas Child. You can also provide funds if you do not have time to shop ☺ 46 boxes remain! Boxes are due back by September 15th.

Print enough flyers for free community dinners to include in all of the Micah's bags.

Can we combine the *Canoeing* work on Thursday nights and the Sunday School hour? Pastor David to explore with Chris Ed.

No one attended the Narcan training on Monday, August 19th. We will reassess if there is a need in the coming months.

Old Business

Call vote – Concern that many people are not planning to attend the outdoor service; we may not have a quorum. Colleen has asked A2B Robin for alternate dates.

New Business

Newsletter – Leslie Leblanc

Request to consider assigning the newsletter to a team. This would provide some structure and guidance for the project and assist the staff. She has also volunteered to create a display board to describe each committee.

Council Commitments

Understanding that people have unexpected life changes and shifting priorities, if you cannot commit to serving the remainder of your council term, please let us know.

Candidates for Election to Council

Request in bulletin and newsletter for new council members for 2020. Goal is committed members. The Bylaws specify that council has no more than 12 members. Council could function with less. Could we consider changing the term to 2 years and remove the requirement for a year break between terms? Could we then allow the congregation to vote yes/no to each person?

Maggie will draft a motion to bring to the September Council meeting. She also volunteered to present the information (if approved) to the congregation at the meeting.

Team Reorganization

Should we consider assessing committee structure to streamline them since there is so much overlap of membership? Colleen will provide to council a list of teams/descriptions. We will plan to discuss this topic in the new year.

Community Dinner

Scheduled for Saturday, 10/19 from 4-6pm. Trunk or Treat is the theme! Chili dinner in FH (chili, cornbread, apple crisp, and Sam's apple pie). Teams and individual members will be asked to decorate a car. Council members are encouraged to participate in any way possible. Volunteers needed to decorate cars, prepare food, serve, set up, clean, etc. Invite Boy Scouts to have a car there.

Breakfast with Santa. Maggie will communicate with Scott Paddock (Santa) to choose date.

President's Report

School Supply Night was researched – most schools in our community are Title I schools and receive all of their school supplies. It was decided that this project was not the best investment of resources.

September is Washington County Goes Purple – can we change our church banners to the purple ones for the month of September? Perhaps bows on the doors? Request to congregants to wear purple the last Sunday in September (Music and Worship)? Explain the purpose in the newsletter. Pastor David will ask Ricky to change the banners. They will remain purple for the entire month.

Pastor's Report

Alex Knepper begins seminary on Monday. He meets with the candidacy committee on 9/12. Be sure to include in budget the seminary expenses needed by Trinity's candidates. Would the Youth Fund be an appropriate funding source? Pastor David to discuss at some point in the future with Pat Paddack.

Can we revisit the idea of using the church for non-member weddings? Can this be discussed with a marketing firm?

Wedding date is 11/12 in Copenhagen.

Calendar Changes/Reminders:

Calendar emailed today to the meeting for review. Please provide changes by Friday.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30pm.