

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Minutes March 19, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by president, Craig Fentress

Present: Craig Fentress, Pastor David Eisenhuth, Ginny Doarnberger, Lauren Rowe, Mark Koogler, Craig Robinson, Barbara Winebrenner, Maggie Stone, Mary Madurski, Junior Michael, June Habeck-Holler, Colleen Gildee

Absent: Mark Deiterich

Devotions

After Easter, we will begin a Thursday night Bible study on “Canoeing the Mountains.” It seems difficult to work on this in Council at a rate of three chapters each month. Today’s devotions focused on Joseph (today is feast day).

Minutes: The minutes of the February council meeting were reviewed and approved with changes: Lauren Rowe and Mark Deiterich absent.

Treasurer’s Report/Endowment Fund: January and February 2019 financials were reviewed and approved.

New Business

Earth Day Presentation

Peg Hardinge presented on her desire to celebrate Earth Day the Sunday after Easter. Potential ideas for the day: donate a tree to plant on the property, an herb plant for an outreach client, work with Creation Care team with the Synod. Peg created beautiful stoles for Pr. David and herself in celebration of the occasion. Maggie Stone will forward to Peg the information for the POC of the Creation Care team.

Motion from Music and Worship

Music and Worship brings a motion from the committee to place spaces in both worship areas for children and add a disability seating area upstairs.

Motion seconded and discussed. Amended to add a completion date of March 31. Passed.

Motion from Fellowship and Parish Life

Fellowship and Parish Life brings a motion from the committee to replace the full Easter Breakfast with a free coffee hour after the joint service and eliminate the Basket Raffle.

Motion seconded and discussed. Motion amended to replace the full Easter Breakfast with a free coffee hour before and after the joint service and replace the Basket Raffle with a Basket Silent Auction (with proceeds donated to Samaritan’s Purse).

Motioned seconded and passed. Music and Worship will take responsibility for coordinating and organizing the baskets, bid sheets, etc.

Old Business

Delegates to Synod Assembly

Maggie Stone will attend as our Young Adult representative; Pastor David as our rostered minister. Three full, lay rostered minister positions remain. Craig Fentress, Lauren Rowe, and Inge Dudda or Alex Knepper. Colleen Gildee and/or Inge Dudda will be attending as visitors based upon total attendance.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to pay for accommodations from unrestricted funds for those who are attending the Assembly.

Seder Meal, Palm Sunday (4/14)

Dave Krueger, Lauren Rowe, Mary Madurski, Leslie Leblanc, and Craig Fentress will be helping. Rabbi Ari declined our invitation to preside over the seder. 5:30pm dinner, reservations for dinner are due April 1st. Meal is free, donations of desserts are welcomed and encouraged.

Team Reports

Fellowship and Parish life provided order forms for Easter bulbs and lilies to council members.

President's Report

*Motion to sponsor Hagerstown Pride (\$100) and purchase a vendor table (\$65) on July 13th.
Seconded and passed.*

Church Council Goals

Please review and bring ideas for action to the next Council meeting. June Habeck-Holler will bring a detailed list of the goals to share with the Council. Craig will provide a newsletter article regarding the goals.

Pastor's Report

Thursday night Bible Study on "Canoeing the Mountains" – 7 sessions (6:30-8pm). Food will be provided. First session will be watching the National Geographic movie on Lewis & Clark. 6 remaining sessions will be used to discuss the book with video sessions from Tod Bolsinger. Please intentionally invite people to attend. Start date May 2nd. RSVP required for books and food. Pastor David to write an article for the newsletter.

Time of second service has been reduced. The prelude is starting before the hour and only two lessons are being used.

Beginning in the summer, we will be offering a short service on Saturday nights.

Calendar Changes/Reminders:

Newsletter deadline is 3/22. Please review the calendar and provide changes to Colleen by noon on Friday.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30pm.