

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes**

**January 9, 2018**

Prepared by Bob Nida

**Location:** Trinity Lutheran Church Lounge

**Present:** Larry Faelchle, Sarah Evinsky, Neal Coryell, Donna Bowman, Emily Godshalk, Steve Mayer, Geoff Wilhelm, David Huskey, David Johnston (invited for assistance) and Bob Nida.

**Absent:** Pastor Peterson.

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM

**Pastor's Devotional:** N/a

**Minutes:** Sarah Motioned to accept minutes amended. Emily seconded. 9 votes for, one abstention.

**Old Business:**

Amethyst presentation by Louvon Fields. Amethyst assists mothers who have had dependence problems and their children. They provide breakfast and lunch for the enrolled children. They provide educational instruction as well as field trips. Other than tables and chairs, they provide everything else. 3-4 adults are usually in attendance with 25-30 kids. Amethyst has their own small commercial refrigerators. The van would be parked here, at least 3 parking spots will be needed. They report that they are a licensed child care organization. David Huskey let Louvon know that sometimes homeless people might be around and in the building throughout the day. Runs from end of Columbus public schools to the beginning of the next academic school year. David Husky mentioned that if there were a funeral, they might have to meet elsewhere on such a day.

Post presentation: David Johnston said that he would have lease language to require them to insure their activities here. He said that it would require Amethyst to prove that policy includes our location. He said we would also need to contact our insurance company to review our policy.

Larry motioned that TLC Accept Amethyst Summer Quest for months of June – August 2018 For amount of \$1000.00 a month. David Husky seconded. Geoff proposed a friendly amendment that contingent upon review of liability and insurance coverage. Larry accepted friendly amendment. Unanimous approval, no opposed or abstentions.

**New Business:**

Larry proposed a rent reduction of \$100 for both the months of January and February for Jill Christ due to lack of heat in her rented space. Steven Seconded. Unanimous approval, no opposed or abstentions.

Sarah proposed to allow the use Fellowship Hall by Sarah Evinsky and family on Feb. 17, 2018 11AM-3PM. Steven Seconded. Unanimous approval, no opposed or abstentions.

Larry proposed that we ratify the Treasurer's November expense report. Emily Seconded. Unanimous approval, no opposed or abstentions.

**Old Business:**

## **Executive Reports**

- **President's Report.**

- Larry reports that nominating committee has members. March 4 is date of the Annual Congregational Meeting. Committees will need to prepare their annual reports for submission at the meeting.

- **Vice President's Report**

- Neal spoke of the Realm product, a potential replacement of Church Windows.
- Neal spoke of membership attendance to the ELCA synod meeting.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Steve doesn't have the end of calendar year finance report complete yet, it's in progress.
- Giving was up on 2017 Christmas service.
- Capital Campaign met goal.
- TLC can give \$1,728 tithe split between LOMO, First English and Jacob's Porch.

- **Pastor's Report**

- Nothing to report.

## **Committee Reports**

- **Community Ministry**

- David spoke with the new manager of the Mid-Ohio Furniture Bank, looking to schedule potential volunteer opportunities.
- TLC is handing out available winter clothing to those who present a need.

- **Congregational Life**

- Emily reported that the bake sale made a lot of money.

- **Evangelism/Communications**

- Geoff and Sarah are co-chairing an Alpha readiness/programming retreat. Alpha funding might not be fully met and may depend on freewill offerings.
- Wants TLC to move forward to finding a Nursery Supervisor. Job description for the position is being worked on.

- **Property**

- David reported Winger heating came out to examine the heating systems. It's been tuned as much as Winger believes can be done.
- Snow removal contract signed with the same company as past years.
- Ordered light bulbs.
- Inspection performed for City of Columbus building compliance.

- **Spiritual Formation**

- Geoff spoke of the Alpha planning activities. Initial meetings will be after Sunday services.

- o Intergenerational Activities. Planned for January 27th working with making beeswax candles. February will have a lent theme.
- **Worship**
  - o Sponsoring first Alpha meal.
  - o Nothing to add to submitted report.

**Adjournment:** Donna motioned to adjourn at 9:06 P.M. Geoff seconded. Passed Unanimous. 9:06 PM.

## Congregational Life Council Report January 2018

- Coordinated food for the Advent midweek meals
- Held the Holiday Smorgasbord on December 17th after church
- The holiday bake sale raised over \$600 for the campership fund!
- Committee meeting on January 7th
- Lenten midweek lunches will begin on February 14th after the noon Ash Wednesday service. I will soon start looking for volunteers to help make soup and dessert for these meals.

## Communication & Evangelism Committee Report

- Alpha preparations are under way. Geoff Wilhelm and I will be co-chairing the program. Booklets have been ordered. Camp Mowana has been reserved for the Day Away on April 15. Geoff has begun to ask specific people to fill roles. Amy Hehr is on the planning team and has agreed to organize the meal schedule. As a reminder, each ministry team will be in charge of one meal. On the evening your team will provide a meal we are asking that you stay to share with the group what your ministry team does, how it helps fulfill our mission, and what ways people can get involved.
- This month I'll be working on getting promotional materials ready for Lent & Easter
- Next meeting will be February 21 at 11am

## **Spiritual Formation Ministry Report – Month of December 2017**

*Submitted by Geoff Wilhelm on 1/13/2017*

**Committee members:** Amy Hehr, Brad Smith, Carol Smith, Christiane Buuck, Geoff Wilhelm, Pastor Chuck

### **Children's / Youth Christian Education:**

After receiving an anonymous donation that would cover a nursery supervisor for the entire 2018 year, Amy H was able to engage Kirsten Kilhefner for nursery supervisor @ \$12-15/hour Jan 14<sup>th</sup> – Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. We plan to give Kirsten “first right of refusal” on the job for the year if she wants it.

Spiritual Formation plans to begin the search and create job descriptions and postings starting in January, in parallel to working with Kirsten, as a contingency plan to keep nursery support going if Kirsten does not want to continue.

### **Youth & Family Ministry:**

The next Intergenerational 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday event will occur on January 27<sup>th</sup>, with a candles and light theme. Will include candlemaking with wax from Brad and Carol Smiths’ own beehives! Would like to display some of the candle crafts on the altar on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adult Sunday School:**

Adult Sunday School is on hiatus through the end of this year.

### **Alpha – Spring Session (Feb 18<sup>th</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup>)**

To participate, contact Sarah Evinsky! @ sarah.evinsky@gmail.com

To join the team as a helper or leader, contact Geoff Wilhelm! @ geoffwilhelm@yahoo.com

### **Alpha Planning Meetings** - Sarah, Amy H, Pastor Chuck, Geoff

Will meet weekly on Sundays after service on Jan 14, 21, 28 (approx 12:00 noon). All are welcome to listen in on plans and to provide input to the team’s planning

**Alpha Leader Trainings** Propose right after service on Sundays

Feb 4 Lutheran Theology Guidance (Pastor Chuck)

Feb 11 Small Group Facilitation (Geoff W)

**SESSION SCHEDULE:**

February 18: Ep1 Is There More to Life Than This?

February 25: Ep2 Who Is Jesus?

March 4: Ep3 Why Did Jesus Die?

March 11: Ep4 How Can I Have Faith?

March 18: Ep5 Why and How Should I Pray? & Ep6 Why and How Should I Read the Bible

March 25: PALM SUNDAY – Alpha Fellowship event

April 1: EASTER – NO SESSION

April 8: Ep7 How Does God Guide Us?

April 15: DAY AWAY Ep 8-11 Camp Mowana

April 22: Ep12 How Can I Resist Evil & Ep13 Why and How Should I Tell Others

April 29: Ep14 Does God Heal Today? & Prayer Ministry

May 6: Ep15 What About the Church & Alpha Celebration

As this would provide modest planning time as we sit here at mid-November, the team is thinking that we would make this first Trinity Alpha more of an internal & Friends and Family focus so we can get some experience providing the program. After this run, we would be looking to promote a public, open Alpha participation in the future.

Amy Hehr will be asking Council members to organize and provide 1 meals during the Feb-May timeframe. Council representatives will be offered a 5 minute slot before the session starts to present the work their committees do and how to get involved.

## DECEMBER 2017 WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Committee members: Pastor Peterson, Sarah Bender, Katie Brandt, Neal Coryell, Shirley Griffin, Bev Speasmaker, Tom Wells, Donna Bowman, chair

We reviewed final plans for the Christmas Eve services. The sanctuary will be decorated after the morning service on December 24 and the decorations will be taken down after the service on January 7.

Beginning with the Christmas services, we will be using individual Communion cups again. Pastor Libby Buuck will preside while Pastor Peterson is participating in a language immersion course with the seminary in Mexico.

The worship committee will host the coffee cart in February and will provide the meal for the first Alpha meeting.