

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2018

Prepared by Bob Nida

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church Lounge

Present: Larry Faelchle, Neal Coryell, Pastor Peterson, Emily Godshalk, Mayda Vazquez, Donna Bowman, Steve Mayer, and Bob Nida.

Absent: Geoff Wilhelm, Sarah Evinsky and David Huskey.

Meeting called to order at 7:01PM

Pastor's Devotional: Pastor read from Mark 13, brought focus to the end, continuing to proclaim the love of Christ..

Minutes: Emily motioned to accept October minutes. Donna seconded. Passed with one abstention.

Old Business:

Larry discussed Nichole Botkin's request that TLC host the American Council for the Blind beginning the 2nd Saturday of each month beginning 2019. There might be one Saturday wedding conflict. Neal motioned to accept this for 2019. Donna seconded.

Pastor brought up Jill Christ's Cello School utilizing numerous rooms at a time with additional teachers. Larry and/or Pastor may meet with her to discuss the use of the multiple rooms.

New Business:

Pastor reported an update to his sabbatical plans.

Executive Reports

● **President's Report.**

- Larry discussed some logistic matters. Mannerchor has a December 2nd concert. They are asking for a rehearsal opportunity. Larry, Pastor and Neal determined that they will try to work out a date, maybe Wednesday.
- Women's group had Tuesday December 11 reserved for the Christmas Project, but the dance group was also given that space. The dance group will be offered the use the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, December 12.
- Start thinking about the annual Congregational Meeting, and council nominations.
- Will reach out to Alvis to review their summer experience.

- **Vice President's Report**

- Neal had no report.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Reviewed the budget with the October and YTD status. Have only a \$113 YTD deficit.
- Committee meeting results, will not send YTD giving letter if not asked for by member. Giving envelopes will be provided to members based on a member's selection to receive them. Envelopes will be made by the committee, saving funds.
- Donna motioned to accept September and October budgets. Larry seconded. Passed unanimous.

- **Pastor's Report**

- Pastor reported that he will meet with a musical program for youth called Wejoying and potentially hosting them.
- Some people may be affirming their Baptism and joining TLC.
- Some are using Wednesday service as their primary service.
- Pastor discussed the sanctuary meetings. What would we need to do to be a host.
- Pastor is exploring is Alpha might run again.
- Pastor met with a police community liaison and spoke with them about a few of the loitering homeless. Larry reported that the police had to remove one homeless person who would not leave.

Committee Reports

- **Community Ministry**

- Mayda had no new reports.
- Pastor said it has been good to build relationships with the homeless and serving them.
- Planning stages for events in the future.

- **Congregational Life**

- Emily reported Nichole joined the committee.
- Will have a bake sale.
- December 16th is the smorgasbord.
- Advent service begins on November 28th noon service with a small meal after.

- **Evangelism/Communications**

- Sarah had no report.
- Paster reviewed they are looking at Alpha.
- Pastor reported that Sarah is looking into banners for the exterior.

- **Property**

- o Larry reported for David. We had a new heating issue, with an expansion tank broke and leaked water. The company said the tank might be 50 years old. Estimate to replace is about \$3,000.
- o Donna motioned to empower David Huskey to spend up to \$5,000 for the replacement of this expansion tank. Neal seconded. Passed with one abstention. 7 for, one abstention (Larry).
- o Discussed the state of the boiler repair. Wenger has advised that they think the boilers do not actually need replaced.
- **Spiritual Formation**
 - o Written report submitted.
- **Worship**
 - o Reported submitted.

Adjournment: Adjourn at 9:00 P.M.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio
Pastor's Report for Church Council
For October, 2018
(Submitted November 11, 2018)

I. Upreach

A. Worship and Common Prayer

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| 1. Eucharist services each weekend | –Saturdays 5 p.m. | |
| | --Sundays 10:30 a.m. | |
| & commems. | --Wednesdays 6:15-6:45 | Feasts |
| prayer | | |
| Morning Prayer | --Wednesdays 12:05-12:35 | Still |
| Evening Prayer | --TWR 7:30, Sa & Su 8:30 | |
| | --T 5:30 | |
| 3. Worship and Music Team Mtg. 10/16 | | |
| 4. Emphases in worship: Stewardship | | |
| | 10/28 Reformation; Baptism of Karina Anita Martinez (w/bilingual service) | |

B. Spiritual Formation

1. Spiritual formation No October mtg, but met on 11/6
2. Prepped for and participated in 4th Sunday Intergen event—11/27
3. Weds. 7 p.m. Study on Immigrants & Refugees
10/10 Ruben Castilla Herera of Columbus Sanctuary collective
10/17 Sally Padget, First English LC
4. Weds Study on Last Things: 10/24—Death; 10/31 Judgment
4. 10/13 & 20 Confirmation class at Linden Lutheran (prep mtg. 10/11 & 18)
5. Alpha course look-ahead

II. Inreach

A. Congregational Life:

1. Fall Fest 11/7
2. Before and after worship base-touching, as always.

B. Pastoral Care:

1. Hospital, sick, & homebound: 10/8, 10, 15, 17, 30
2. Pre-marital/Baptism/Funeral: Prebap 10/9, 16
3. Various phone calls and notes weekly
4. Other:

III. Outreach

A. Evangelism/Communication:

1. A few Facebook posts
2. Streetwalking 2x/wk.
3. No Team Mtg

B. Visitors and Prospective Members:

1. Lots of phone calls to regular members & friends

2. Notes, emails, or calls to visitors weekly

C. Community Ministry:

1. Regular contacts through Samaritan Ministry & trash pick-up
2. Southside Progressive Action:DNA
3. Interfaith Justice Table 10/23
4. Meeting w/Officer Peck of CPD
5. CROP walk 10/14

IV. Downreach (Support Teams, Civic Relationships, and Personnel)

A. Staff:

1. Mary—variously through the week
2. Lori—occasional base-touching

B. Property:

1. Several discussions w/ David Huskey
2. Trash pick-up through the churchyard TWR, 8 a.m.

C. Finance: Occasional contacts w/ Steven Mayer

D. Council 9/11

E. Trans-congregational:

- Hosted Lutheran Cluster 10/16
- Faith in Public Life: 10/17

V. Professional & Personal Development, Time Off, Reimbursements, etc.

A. Scholarship, study, and teaching

1. Conference on preaching in Minneapolis 10/1-5
2. Further research into pastoral sabbatical
3. OSU philosophy colloquia: 10/26

B. Time away 2017-18

1. Continuing Ed. taken in 2018:

a. Total offered per year: 10 days, including 2 Sundays

b. **Taken in 2018: 10 days, incl. 2 Sundays**

Spanish Lang. course: 2 Sundays (1/ 7 & 14) + 2-4, 6, 17, 18, & 20

3. Vacation

a. Total offered per year: 4 weeks (20 workdays, including 4 Sundays)

b. **Taken as of 10/8: 11, including 1 Sunday**

i. Language & Culture Trip in Mexico: 3 days, incl. 1 Sunday

ii. Science of Consciousness Conference: 2 days (April 4-5)

iii. Visit to my sister Holly in Minnesota: 6/24-29 (3 days, no Sundays)

iv. Preaching workshop in Minneapolis, 10/2-4

c. Unplanned yet for 2018

ii. Unplanned for vacation remaining: 9 days, (including 3 Sundays)

3. Mileage to be reimbursed, October 396 (x \$0.545 =) \$215.82

VI. Remarks:

1. Prospective New Members

Scott Counts (a Saturday night regular) on December 29.

Stephanie and Samantha Kim, by affirmation and baptism, on December 30.

2. Daily prayer schedule is going well. The hardest part is Saturday morning prayer at 8:30.
3. 3-4 people seem to now regard the Wednesday service as their primary time to worship
4. 2 projects that may take up a good bit of energy this winter and Spring
 - a. Alpha?? Beginning in January??
 - b. On-going conversations about just what it would take to provide sanctuary, practically speaking.
5. I think our relationship with our singers, dancers, 12-steppers, cellists, and community organizers is good; A possible new tenant: "Wejoicing," a music program for parents pre-natal through upper school ages.

Spiritual Formation Ministry Report – Month of October 2018

Submitted by Geoff Wilhelm on 11/13/2018

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

Next Ministry Team Meeting: Tuesday 12/6 7pm

Children's / Youth Christian Education:

Jill McCarter is doing a great job with the Childrens' Minister role. Amy and Pastor are beginning to work with her on lesson plans for light Childrens' Christ Ed during "nursery" time

Youth & Family Ministry:

Intergenerational 4th Saturday event updates follow:

October 27th – Theme: Fall Clean Up

Spiritual Formation is teaming up with Property to gather a fall cleanup...combined with opening and closing fellowship and devotions. Thanks to David Huskey for bringing in an antique cider press that we all enjoyed using to make delicious apple cider! Such a cool experience for kids and adults.

December 1st – Intergenerational Event: Preparing for Advent: Saturday, December 1st, 9:30a-noon

We will gather for fellowship and devotions and crafts centered around making Advent Wreaths – that can be used immediately, as Advent begins December 2nd! We have talked about including the blessing of kids wreaths on the Dec 2nd service.

January 26th – Intergenerational Event: Epiphany theme @ 9:30-noon

Details TBD

Community Group Study: Midweek Faith Discussion and Bible Study on End Times from the Bible Wednesday Evenings at 7:00

Midweek study sessions will continue until Advent, when Wednesday evening Advent services will take precedence.

Evinsky Small Group Study – Folks are gathering Sunday evenings @ 6pm at the Evinsky home for study and discussion on the lessons from the week.

Alpha – Planning for the Future

We are currently assessing whether our Alpha leaders have availability and energy to stand up a January-March 2019 series or if we will wait until the Fall.

OCTOBER 2018 WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Committee members: Pastor Peterson, Sarah Bender, Katie Brandt, Neal Coryell, Jack Greene, Shirley Griffin, Beverly Speasmaker, Tome Wells, Donna Bowman, chair

We welcomed a new member, Jack Greene, with pumpkin doughnuts.

There was an extended discussion of the worship budget and the need to monitor spending monthly.

We finalized plans for Reformation Sunday including a Gospel procession and planned for a baptism for Karina Martinez to be conducted partly in Spanish.

Because the midweek discussions will focus on the end times, it was decided to use red paraments.

Plans were made for Advent and for decorating the sanctuary beginning with hanging the greens after church on December 2, Katie Brandt will oversee the work.

The evening midweek Advent services will use the Holden evening prayer service. We will continue to have a simple soup meal after the noon Advent services and no meal before the evening service.