

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2018

Prepared by Bob Nida

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church Lounge

Present: Larry Faelchle, Neal Coryell, Pastor Peterson, Emily Godshalk, Donna Bowman, Sarah Evinsky, David Huskey, and Bob Nida.

Absent: Geoff Wilhelm, Mayda Vazquez and Steve Mayer.

Meeting called to order at 7:04PM

Pastor's Devotional: Pastor read from Luke, next Sunday's Gospel reading.

Minutes: Donna motioned to accept November minutes with Larry's corrections (distributed in latest email among council). David seconded. Passed.

Old Business:

Larry has said that more complaints have been made about the Cello school using multiple spaces and seemingly chasing members out of other locations. It was suggested that she needs to pay to use additional spaces. Someone said there was someone doing piano lessons in the choir room. It was said that she can't have full access to the whole space. Additional discussion about rental rate may need to be reviewed. Larry, Gretchen, and/or Steve may discuss this with the Cello instructor.

New Business:

Donna discussed giving Chris Dent church keys. Donna moved we give Chris Dent access to a key to use at his leisure for specific occasions. Neal seconded. Passed unanimous.

Executive Reports

● **President's Report**

- Larry reported that the Mannerchor concert went well. TLC earned about \$420 from this event. Magpie Concert went well as well.
- Larry asks for input of date for Congregational meeting. March 10th became a contender. Also positions coming available was discussed. Emily is term limited and she has accepted running the nomination committee. Sarah will not run for Communication & Evangelism. Pastor reported that Geoff might not be able to continue with Spiritual Formation.
- Larry spoke of Alvis, and that some staff that TLC worked with are leaving the program.

● **Vice President's Report**

- Neal had no report.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- No report.

- **Pastor's Report**

- Pastor reported a child will be Baptised here in the coming weeks and another person will confirm their Baptism. Additional info in report.
- Pastor might be gone on Epiphany Sunday to visit his ill sister. He will be here for Christmas service.

Committee Reports

- **Community Ministry**

- Mayda submitted a written report.

- **Congregational Life**

- Emily reported a committee meeting on December 2. Advent midweek meals after Wednesday service. Smorgasbord and bake sale this Sunday, bake sale to the benefit of the campership funds.
- New sign-up sheet for the coffee cart, seeking volunteers.

- **Evangelism/Communications**

- Sarah reported TLC participated in Village Lights. Really nice night, spoke of the volunteers. Reported that some Mannerchor visitors asked about services at TLC.
- Second Alpha course is scheduled to begin in January.
- Committee meeting on December 19 at 10AM.

- **Property**

- David reported rear door off the kitchen is done. Funded by Church ladies.
- Expansion tank is ordered and will be installed.
- Furnace for the Offices is being inspected.

- **Spiritual Formation**

- Pastor reported confirmation classes are proceeding.
- Sanctuary conversation continues.

- **Worship**

- Not report.

Adjournment: Adjourn at 9:00 P.M.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio
Pastor's Report for Church Council
For November, 2018
(Submitted December 10, 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 | 2. Prayer at OT | --Wednesdays 12:05-12:35 | Still |
| Morning Prayer | | --TWR 7:30, Sa & Su 8:30 | |
| Evening Prayer | | --T 5:30 | |
| Prophets | 3. Thanksgiving Eve service 11/21 7:00 p.m. | | |
| the King) | 4. (Pre) Advent Services 11/28 | Wed 12:05 & 7 pm | Theme: |
| | 5. Worship and Music Team Mtg. Did not meet in October | | |
| | 6. Emphases in worship: The End of Times (All Saints, Thankoffering, Judgment, Christ | | |

B. Spiritual Formation

1. Spiritual formation met on 11/6
2. Prepped for and participated in 4th Sunday Intergen event—12/1
3. Weds. 7 p.m. Study on End Times 11/7 & 14
4. 11/10 & 17 Confirmation class at Linden Lutheran (prep mtg. 11/15)
5. Alpha course look-ahead 11/30
6. Evinsky gathering 11/18

II. Inreach

A. Congregational Life:

1. Women's Thank Offering Meal 11/11
2. Before and after worship base-touching, as always.
3. Meeting 11/4??

B. Pastoral Care:

1. Hospital, sick, & homebound: 11/ 1, 4, 7, 11, 13, 18, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28,
2. Pre-marital/Baptism/Funeral: Stephanie Kemp 11/13, Judy & Frank 11/29, 30
3. Various phone calls and notes weekly
4. Other: 11/8, 14

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 11/14

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

A. Staff:

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

B. Property: Trash pick-up through the churchyard weekly & occasional discussions w/ D. Huskey

C. Finance: Occasional contacts w/ Steven Mayer

D. Council 11/13, 19 (Mtg. w/arry F. 11/15)

E. Trans-congregational: Lutheran Cluster 11/15

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

A. Scholarship, study, and teaching

1. Further research into pastoral sabbatical
2. OSU philosophy colloquia: 11/9, 16

B. Time away 2017-18

1. Continuing Ed. 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)

4. Reimbursement needed:

a. Mileage, November 316 (x \$0.545 =) \$172.22

b. Continuing ed. Expenses from October: \$1,112.39

c. From Pastor's Discretionary fund (for bus ticket): \$185.25

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. Claire Hammer and Lee Boone decided not to be married at (or through Trinity). They wanted to schedule later than 2:30, and probably had some concerns about our wedding policy.

4. FYI there is almost no typical day for a pastor, but here's how I generally plan my working weeks:

Tues-Thurs:

7:30 Morning prayer

8-12 1 hr. sermon work,

1 hr. prepping lessons/services

**2 hrs: email, planning, admin., scheduling visits,
meeting Mary & Lori, meetings here &
elsewhere, writing for Tidings, Happs, etc.**

12-1 Lunch, walk, pray

1-3 Homebound, hospital, and member contacts

3-5:30 Off

5:30 Evening prayer

6-9 Prep & meeting, faith discussion, or pastoral visit

9 hrs. of work

Saturdays

7-8 Prep conf, 4th sat, wp.

8:30 morning prayer

9-1 Conf/4th Sat/Pastoral care, Sunday prep

1-2 Lunch, walk, pray

3-7 Sermon work, prep & wp., fellowship

9 hrs.

Sundays

8:30 morning prayer

9:00-10:30 Prep, fellowship

10:30-1 Worship, pastoral, mtg/debrief

+ Afternoon/evening activities?

4 (or 4+??) hours

Monday & Fridays OFF: Sermon work for 1 hour + occasional pastoral issues/meetings, etc. (Total 2 hrs.)

Weekly Total: 42 + hours

Community Ministry
Report

December 11,
2018

Hello

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The Christmas Toy Drive for Nationwide Children's Hospital is going on very well. Sunday December 16th will be the last day and we will deliver them to the Nationwide Children's Hospital drop off toy collection on 18TH Ave.

Sarah Bender have talked to me about gift giving catalog. We are planning to collect money to buy a pig or chickens or whatever goal we have decided to do. We would like to include the Spiritual Formation so the children can participate in deciding what they would like to give.

Jacob's Porch send an email that they still have some dates available to provide dinner again. We were looking at Sunday March 24th if the congregation would like to make dinner again.

Since February is tends to be the coldest month of the year I was thinking if we could do a collection of gently used coats, blankets, gloves or hats maybe new socks so on a given Saturday our homeless neighbors can come in and take whatever they need.

Thank
you,

Mayda
Vazquez

Tuesday, December 11,

2018 **Communications & Evangelism Report**

December 2: German Village Lights We participated in Village Lights again this year. We didn't have too many visitors (maybe about a dozen or so), but I was super pleased with the volunteer effort of our members. We had tons of cookies, volunteers that decorated the sanctuary and set out luminaries all the way across the bridge, Amy Hehr set up the candle dipping supplies as an activity, and volunteers stayed until the end to clean up everything. I think it was a good outreach and fellowship event. We brought out the cookies and coffee as the Maennorchor was clearing out and some people stayed for a while to chat which was nice. I have a couple of people information about when our services are so I'd call it a success.

We are planning to launch our second Alpha course on January 13. We will meet Sunday evenings through March. Becca Roberts is serving as the Coordinator. Amy Hehr has graciously offered to coordinate meals again. We have a list of table leaders and are currently recruiting participants. Advertising materials will be distributed throughout our advent and Christmas services.

Our next committee meeting is scheduled for December 19 at 11:00am.

I'm still finalizing signage for the exterior of the building, the fellowship hall, and a sandwich board for the 3rd Street entrance. I hope to order things at the beginning of 2019 to work within my updated budget.