

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2017**

Prepared by Bob Nida

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church Lounge

Present: Larry Faelchle, Pastor Peterson, Sarah Evinsky, Steve Mayer, Donna Bowman, Geoff Wilhelm, Emily Godshalk, David Huskey, and Bob Nida.

Absent: Neal Coryell

Meeting called to order at 7:02PM

Pastor's Devotional: Pastor read Psalm

Minutes: August's Council minutes were discussed. Donna motioned to accept, Steve seconded, passed 8 votes. David abstained (did not attend).

Special Presentation: Gary Pecuch presented the topic of Faith Webbing and Outcome Youth Ministry.

Action Items:

Larry addressed the Narcotics Anonymous meetings that we've hosted. Meeting for about a month. 3-5 members per night, they bring their own coffee, etc.. Larry and Donna have been letting them in. Larry proposed motion offer a key to group under stipulation they sign a contract. Seconded by David. Motioned passed unanimously.

New Business:

Larry moved to appoint David Husky to be permanent property chair. Seconded by _____. Passed unanimously.

Executive Reports

● **President's Report**

- Discussed the boiler issue. We might be out of heat this winter again. Now we have found a gas line leak. Asked David to prepare the boiler discussion for the temple talk.
- Maennerchor sent the email describing the details of the concert and their needs. Set for 4PM-6PM December 3rd. They've asked for a dress rehearsal on Nov 28th beginning 5PM. No known scheduling conflicts. They've asked Pastor to do a homilee. Discussed CGMC potentially scheduling on the 27th of November.

● **Vice President's Report**

- o No discussion.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- o Steve reported that he has a conflict on speaking on October 1st, moving to October 8th.
- o We will print out extra cards to be handed out.
- o Will offer sign up for the optional printing out of membership donation envelopes.
- o Will have 2018 budget preparation in October.
- o Will try to have financial planning options for replacing boiler.
- o Personnel costs will be going up with Pastor's spouse joining our medical insurance plan.
- o Month discussion, offerings down this past month, up overall, but expenses up. Capital Campaign is close to pledge goal of \$42,000. Looking to ask congregation to continue capital level giving for the operating budget in efforts to balance our operating budget.
- o Donna made motion to accept T Report, Sarah seconded, passed unanimously.

- **Pastor's Report**

- o Pastor discussed we had 23 people lined up to attend Alpha. On October 1st, we will have new members. Pastor believes there is a potential for others to pursue membership.
- o With part of our 500th Anniversary of Reformation Celebration donations, we'll make offering St Mary's Catholic Church. They've suffered much damage to their church structure.

Committee Reports

- **Community Ministry**

- o Continuing with regular practices; lunches, bus passed, personal hygiene supplies, etc... Congregation has been helpful in offering supplies.
- o Crop Walk is coming up.

- **Congregational Life**

- o Emily has nothing to add to her report.

- **Evangelism/Communications**

- o Sarah discussed a group to stand along Columbus Marathon route in October.
- o Discussed financial reporting published on TLC web page.

- **Property**

- o Discussed new gas leak. There were gas smells in church. David investigated over several days. He called Columbia Gas and they dispatched immediately. Gas is now off. We will not have hot water until line repaired. Repair options will be pursued. Larry will prepare to announce to congregation. Needed a new vacuum cleaner. David Quinn and

Jan Leach has been doing a lot of landscape care and maintenance of the church grounds.

- **Spiritual Formation**

- Geoff asked about our thoughts on the Faith Webbing. Pastor observed the current webs are the women's group. Amy spoke of the interest based activities as opposed to age based activities. Geoff thought that we offer mass general activities. Christiann wanted us to not forget about the older members (who may be our foundation). Option discussed of introducing this in some Sunday services.
- Geoff said the strategy to serve the congregation is to build more webs.

- **Worship**

- Our own Reformation Concert October 29, Tom Wells has been working very hard to put this together. It will be mentioned in various media.

Adjournment: Donna moved to adjourn, Geoff seconded, passed unanimous.

Addendum Minutes.

Larry presented a motion via email on Sept 24th for the Magpie Concert to be held in the sanctuary. "I move that we let the Magpie group use our sanctuary for their Christmas concert on December 10, 2017. The conditions should and will be as the last two, with no charge for the use of the sanctuary and the proceeds from the concert will be split 50/50 between the Magpie group and Old Trinity. The details of the concert can be worked out closer to the date. We already have a second from our Vice President Neal Coryell."

Voting to approve (via email responses to all Sept 24 through Sept 26); Neal, Donna, Emily, Geoff, David, Stephen, Bob.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Operating Fund Contribution Summary for August 2017						
		Period Activity	Period Budget	YTD Activity	YTD Budget	
Pledged and Regular Offering		\$10,632.83	\$11,367.00	\$95,720.60	\$90,936.00	
Plate Offering		\$347.00	\$250.00	\$2,348.97	\$2,000.00	
Advent/Christmas		\$0.00	\$125.00	\$63.46	\$1,000.00	
Lent/Easter		\$0.00	\$125.00	\$2,347.02	\$1,000.00	YTD Budget is \$1,5000
Operating Contributions		\$169.00	\$341.00	\$3,061.47	\$2,728.00	
Total Offerings		\$11,148.83	\$12,208.00	\$103,541.52	\$97,664.00	
Surplus/Deficit		(\$1,059.17)		\$5,877.52		

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Total Offerings	\$11,148.83	\$12,208.00	(\$1,059.17)	\$103,541.52	\$97,664.00	\$5,877.52	
Property Rental	\$820.00	\$1,167.00	(\$347.00)	\$9,070.00	\$9,336.00	(\$266.00)	Jill Crist did not pay rent for this month
Parking Lot	\$920.00	\$960.00	(\$40.00)	\$7,810.00	\$7,680.00	\$130.00	
Weddings & Funerals	\$0.00	\$208.00	(\$208.00)	\$0.00	\$1,664.00	(\$1,664.00)	
Total Operating Income	\$12,888.83	\$14,543.00	(\$1,654.17)	\$120,421.52	\$116,344.00	\$4,077.52	The church has received \$4,077.52 more than budgeted YTD for income
Total Operating Expenses	\$12,770.76	\$16,115.00	\$3,344.24	\$131,077.31	\$128,914.00	\$2,163.31	The church has spent \$2,163.31 more than budgeted YTD
Total	\$118.07			(\$10,655.79)	(\$12,570.00)	\$1,914.21	The church is operating at less of a deficit than budgeted by \$1,914.21 YTD.
Year-to-Date Gifts							
Capital Campaign Contribution	\$11,992.00	*\$38,715.33 total given. Pledged amount: \$42,162.00 . Remaining: \$3,446.67					
Steeple Repair Fund	\$110.00						

Stain Glass Window Fund	\$1,700.00						
The church passed a budget with a \$18,900.00 deficit. Therefore, the church should be operating at loss of \$1,575.00 per month.							

Trinity Lutheran Church - Operating Fund Contribution Summary for April 2017							
	Period Activity	Period Budget	YTD Activity	YTD Budget			
Pledged and Regular Offering	\$10,035.00	\$11,367.00	\$49,581.49	\$45,468.00			
Plate Offering	\$258.25	\$250.00	\$1,155.11	\$1,000.00			
Advent/Christmas	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$63.46	\$500.00			
Lent/Easter	\$1,681.02	\$125.00	\$2,287.02	\$500.00			
Operating Contributions	\$184.50	\$341.00	\$868.75	\$1,364.00			
Total Offerings	\$12,158.77	\$12,208.00	\$53,955.83	\$48,832.00			
Surplus/Deficit	(\$49.23)		\$5,123.83				
Trinity Lutheran Church - Operating Fund Summary for March 2017							
	Period	Period Budget	Difference	YTD	YTD Budget	Difference	Notes
Total Offerings			\$0.00			\$0.00	
Property Rental	\$1,500.00	\$1,167.00	\$333.00	\$3,790.00	\$3,501.00	\$289.00	
Parking Lot	\$980.00	\$960.00	\$20.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,880.00	(\$130.00)	
Weddings & Funerals	\$0.00	\$208.00	(\$208.00)	\$0.00	\$624.00	(\$624.00)	
Total Operating Income	\$2,480.00	\$2,335.00	\$145.00	\$6,540.00	\$7,005.00	(\$465.00)	The church has received \$4,708.06 more

							than budgeted
Total Operating Expenses	\$15,450.81	\$16,114.00	\$663.19	\$50,858.51	\$48,342.00	\$2,516.51	
Total	(\$12,970.81)			(\$44,318.51)	(\$41,337.00)	(\$2,981.51)	The church is operating at less of a deficit than budgeted.
Year-to-Date Gifts							
Capital Campaign Contribution	\$4,225.00						
Steeple Repair Fund	\$70.00						
Stain Glass Window Fund	\$225.00						

Congregational Life Council Report September 2017

- We hosted the annual church picnic on August 13th with the WTLC and had a great turnout.
- The last Lemonade on the Lawn of the season took place on August 20th.
- Our committee met on September 3rd. We discussed plans for the post-Reformation Concert reception to be held in the fellowship hall on October 29th around 4:00 pm after the concert. We decided to not have the reception catered due to cost constraints and will serve a variety of snacks (most likely things like meat and cheese trays, meatballs, pickles, small soft pretzels, cookies, cupcakes, chocolates, etc.).
- At the meeting, we also decided to have a holiday bake sale to raise money for the campership fund. We would sell small bagged items like nuts and candy and chocolate and would take orders from the congregation during the last three weekends of November. Then our committee will meet after church the first two weekends of December to make and package the items for the sale and plan to have the children of Trinity be involved with helping us out on one of these Sundays.

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Communications & Evangelism Report

Committee met in August

- Discussed creating visitor packets to include: pen, ELCA brochure, current issue of Tidings, and contact card
 - We plan to set up a table along the Columbus Marathon route to distribute water and granola bars on October 15. An announcement has been put in the Happenings.
- We have lots of church events going on which I have advertised in print and on social media (4th Saturdays, Blessing of the Animals, Reformation Concert).

Spiritual Formation Ministry Report – Month of August 2017

Submitted by Geoff Wilhelm on 9/19/2017

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

Children's / Youth Christian Education:

Volunteer nursery supervisors continue to cover the nursery during service. We continue to put effort into keeping a list of signed up volunteers.

Youth & Family Ministry: Our August monthly Intergenerational activity was again well attended, focusing on back to school activities, including "lunchbox notes" sent out to all children and youth associated with Trinity.

The September Intergenerational activity will be a "Reformation-palooza, with Luther Rose craft, a Find-the- Luther egg hunt and learnings and other faith-oriented activities.

Adult Sunday School:

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

Our main focus for the Fall Adult program is to rally a group of Trinity family to attend "Alpha" at St Catherine's in Bexley. The connection with that church has been very open so far (thanks Pastor Chuck for building that bridge). Alpha will meet weekly on Wednesdays @ 6:30 at Scotty's Diner in Bexley. The program goes through

Community Group Study:

At end of August, we hosted Sarah Bender for a presentation on her recent trip to Europe, where she followed the pilgrimage route that Martin Luther took as a young monk. It was a great evening of interesting info and fellowship.

Stewardship Season:

Our friends in Finance committee have taken the reigns and the bulk of the work this year to lead our Stewardship Campaign. Spiritual Formation will continue to look for ways to support the Finance team in their activities throughout "Rally Season" going into early November.

Synod Guest at Council:

We have been working with Gary Pecuch for over a year on understanding how we may “reframe” our youth ministry, embracing the realities of being a smaller congregation. In the September council meeting, we are sponsoring a visit by Gary for him to present a workshop to Council as well as other ministry team members. The focus will be on ministry personalities and on Faith Webbing. We are grateful to Gary for his time.

AUGUST 2017 WORSHIP TEAM MEETING

Committee members: Pastor Charles Peterson, Katie Brandt, Neal Coryell, Shirley Griffin, Beverly Speasmaker, Tom Wells, Donna Bowman, chair

For the fall season, until the start of Advent, we will be using the setting Now the Feast.

Throughout the Alpha course, the midweek service will be on Thursday at 6:15, rather than Wednesday.

Most of the discussion was about tying up loose ends for the Reformation concert on October 29. All the musicians, except the brass players, are donating their services. The poster and program have been designed and will be printed at the church, both to save money and to allow any last minute changes. Posters will be mailed to ELCA churches in the Franklin County area, downtown and neighborhood churches. A press release has been drafted for the Dispatch, neighborhood newspapers and WOSU FM will mention the concert. IF anyone wants a poster to put up at work or other location, let the worship team know.

