

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2018

Prepared by Bob Nida

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church Lounge

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

Absent: Geoff Wilhelm and Steve Mayer.

Meeting called to order at 7:03PM

Pastor's Devotional: Pastor read from Matthew and devotionals. Related the lesson to change.

Minutes: Neal motioned to accept September minutes with edits. David seconded. Passed with one abstention.

Old Business:

Larry discussed a group named CODE wishes to have a concert in the sanctuary November 2, 2018, a Friday. Exact time is not yet determined. Donna moved to allow Dr Torres (colleague of Dr Tom Wells) to use the sanctuary on November 2, 2018 at no cost for a concert for a group named CODE. Emily Seconded. Passed unanimous.

Neal motioned to allow LSS Auxiliary to use the fellowship hall on Sept 20, 2019. Larry seconded. Passed unanimous.

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Executive Reports

● **President's Report.**

- Larry discussed having a closing discussion with SummerQuest to review how the experience was. It was noted that numerous chairs had been broken, but they might have been old and brittle.
- Discussed council positions becoming available. Neal says committees beginning with "C" are up in January 2019, other committees are up in January 2020.

- o Reviewed the Inactive Member letter. It needs to be distributed after November 1.
 - o TLC Council Meeting Oct 23rd to discuss 2019 budget.
 - o Discussed the Cello school and their use of additional space, like the fellowship hall. Sarah's programming had a conflict with them at least once.
- **Vice President's Report**
 - o Neal reports that CGMC wants invoiced each month. Neal will talk to finance.
 - o Cropwalk: Trinity team raising over \$1,200.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - o Reviewed September budget status and highlights. TLC has only a \$54 budget deficit for current YTD.
 - o 2019 budget questions or concerns for the Treasurer.
 - Sarah seeks an additional \$700 for advertising. Neighborhood association fees went down, asks Steve to verify that fees went down.
 - Pastor asks to change the line item auto allowance to mileage reimbursement.
- **Pastor's Report**
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 - o Pastor was pleased that September wasn't as sparse. A visiting worshiper has spoken to Pastor about transferring membership here.
 - o Wednesday night service is getting more attendance.
 - o Pastor is considering weekend morning prayers.
 - o Having meeting about local sanctuary churches and the potential at TLC.

Committee Reports

- **Community Ministry**
 - o Mayda reviewed report.
 - o Scheduling a committee meeting November 4th to explore new/additional ministry options.
- **Congregational Life**
 - o Emily reported that committee will meet November 4th.
- **Evangelism/Communications**
 - o Sarah reviewed report, committee meeting Oct 17th. Marathon water table on October 21.

- **Property**
 - Replaced a few bulbs in sanctuary, repaired apron at street. Wenger is beginning tomorrow, parking lot lights replaced tomorrow. AEP power shutdown on Sunday at 2PM. Chimney repair this week.
 - David reported that he might need coverage in the event of a family emergency.
- **Spiritual Formation**
 - Discussed submitted report.
 - October 27th is Fall cleanup.
 - Alpha planning is beginning.
 - Catechism classes with Linden underway.
- **Worship**
 - Reported submitted.
 - She will communicate with Steve about expenses.

Adjournment: Adjourn at 9:02 P.M.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio
Pastor's Report for Church Council
For September, 2018
(Submitted October 8, 2018)

I. Upreach

A. Worship and Common Prayer

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| 1. Sabbath services each weekend | –Saturdays 5 p.m. | |
| | --Sundays 10:30 a.m. | |
| 2. Midweek worship & prayer | --Wednesdays 12:05-12:35 | Still |
| prayer | | |
| & commems. | --Wednesdays 6:15-6:45 | Feasts |
| Morning Prayer | --TWR 7:30 | |
| Evening Prayer | --T 5:30 | |
| 3. Worship and Music Team Mtg. Aug 21 | | |
| 4. Emphases in worship: Stewardship: work, service to community, financial | | |
| stewardship) | | |
| Prayer) | (5. Coming soon | --Sa & Su 8:30 a.m. Morning |

B. Spiritual Formation

1. Spiritual formation Team mtg. 9/5 w/ Gary Pecuch, SOS Youth & Family Ministry Advisor
2. Prepped for and participated in 4th Sunday Intergen event—9/22 Faith Webbing w/Gary Pecuch
3. Weds. 7 p.m. Study on Immigrants & Refugees: “Faith on the Move”
4. Sat., 9/15 9:30-noon Confirmation class w/@Linden Lutheran

II. Inreach

A. Congregational Life:

1. Mtg.? DNA
2. Before and after worship base-touching, as always.
3. Cake and soda pop after worship 9/23 (Stewardship Sunday)

B. Pastoral Care:

1. Hospital, sick, & homebound: 9/1,2(x2), 3, 4, 7, 10, 12, 16, 19, 25, 26, 27, 29,
2. Pre-marital/Baptism/Funeral: 9/4(x2), 7(x2), 8(x2),
3. Various phone calls and notes weekly
4. Other: 9/13

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 September
3. Interfaith Justice Table 9/19

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:

- 5.5@ David 9/18
- Faith in Public Life: 9/19

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

A. Scholarship, study, and teaching

1. Conference on preaching in Minneapolis
2. Further research into pastoral sabbatical
3. OSU philosophy colloquia: 9/14 & 21
4. Reading by novelist Alice McDermot 9/28

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, September: 222 miles (x \$0.545/mile) = \$211.99

VI. Remarks:

1. Scott Counts appears to be ready to join the congregation. He's a Saturday night regular

2. I think my TWR morning routine is helping us connect to the neighborhood:
 - 7:15 Beat the bounds of the churchyard, wake up any sleeping neighbors
 - 7:30 Morning prayer
 - 8:00 pick up trash, wake up sleeping neighbors, chat with neighbors on their way to work.

3. In November, I am going to try to add Morning Prayer on Sa & Su:
 - 8:15 Beat the bounds
 - 8:30 Morning Prayer
 - 9:00 Clean up the yard, chat with neighbors

4. FYI: I generally try to divide my weekly work time up into fourths (@ a little over 10 hrs/week):
 - ¼ Preaching, teaching, and worship prep
 - ¼ Pastoral Care
 - ¼ Working with Leaders & ministry teams
 - ¼ Everything else (admin.)

5. I think our relationship with our singers, dancers, 12-steppers, cellists, and community organizers is good; I mean to
 - try to connect with each at least briefly weekly.

6. We'll be talking about whether and how to become a sanctuary church or support others at our Wednesday evening discussions on 10/10 & 17. There may be a proposal to the council or congregation as a result.

Community Ministry Report

October 9, 2018

Greetings,

We had the blessing of the animals on Wednesday October 3rd so we had a collection for dogs and cats food to donate to the Franklin County Animal Shelter Community Pet Pantry. We had a very good turnout of this collection. The shelter was very happy receiving this donation and very grateful for the cat food since that one goes fast.

The community ministry committee is going to have a meeting on Sunday October 28th after service to talk about planning for the month on December. Several things come to mind:

Nationwide Children's Hospital- Toy drive

LSS Choices Shelter- if they need anything

Feeding the homeless-maybe provide a hot home cook holiday meal

Columbus Global Academy Student Success Store-list of food items they need for the store

Decorate Christmas tree with gloves, hats, and scarf items to be donated to maybe a school or to St Vincent or to Children's Hospital

These are just a few of ideas we can talk about at the meeting on October 28th.

Thanks

Mayda V. Vazquez

Tuesday, October

**10, 2018 Communications & Evangelism Report October
2018**

Our committee will meet next Wednesday, October 17 at 10am.

Upcoming Events:

1. Columbus marathon 10/21: we plan to have volunteers staff a table and pass out water to runners and interact with spectators
2. Village Lights: Provide treats to visitors

Spiritual Formation Ministry Report – Month of September 2018

Submitted by Geoff Wilhelm on 10/09/2018

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

Next Ministry Team Meeting: TBD, Tentative: Sunday October 14th @ noon

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:

September 22nd – Theme: Faith Webbing with Gary Pecuch

On September 22nd Gary Pecuch, the Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator for our Southern Ohio Synod, presented Faith Webbing to a gathering of young and Older Wiser Lutherans at Old Trinity.

October 27th – Intergenerational Event: Fall Cleanup! Saturday, October 27th 9:30

Spiritual Formation is teaming up with Property to gather a fall cleanup...combined with opening and closing fellowship and devotions

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!

Community Group Study: Midweek Faith Discussion and Bible Study on Immigration: "Out of the Waters": Wednesday Evenings at 7:00

A good group has been gathering on Wednesdays to discuss scriptural perspectives on the hot topic of sanctuary.

Wednesday, September 5 th	Exodus 1:1-14	<i>Pharaoh Didn't Know Joseph</i>
Wednesday, September 12 th	Exodus 1:15-21	<i>"They Are Not Like Us"</i>
Wednesday, September 19 th	Exodus 1:22-2:10	<i>Moses, the First Mojado</i>
Wednesday, September 26 th	Exodus 2:11-3:10	<i>Hyphentated Egyptians</i>
Wednesday, October 3 rd		<i>St. Francis Day Mass and Blessing of Animals</i>

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

Alpha – Planning for the Future

We will want to begin planning soon for a new Alpha series in early January 2019. Our goal will be to encourage as many people as possible to get the word out to friends, family, and the community around us. We tentatively set mid-November as the beginning of a communication campaign to promote the series

SEPTEMBER 2018 WORSHIP MEETING

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

The proposed 2019 budget was reviewed and adjustments made. Due to a change in FCC regulations we will have to purchase two new microphone systems for use by Pastor Peterson and the worship assistant. Tom Wells has been able to negotiate a trade in for our two old units and obtain a discount saving Trinity \$240.00 per unit. After some discussion it was decided this should be charged as a worship supply expense in the 2019 budget, rather than a capital expense. Because part of the Gay Men's Chorus practices in the sanctuary weekly we have added the cost of an additional piano tuning but this cost will be offset by the rent received from the chorus. The other worship expenses are largely either fixed costs or borne by the congregation.

We have purchased two home Communion kits as one was damaged and we added several new Eucharistic ministers. Some of the Communion linens had to be replaced as they were damaged.

Our two confirmation students have been meeting with other students at Linden Lutheran Church.

The celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will be transferred from Thursday October 4 to Wednesday October 3 and we will have our traditional Blessing of the Animals at 7 in lieu of the 6 pm Eucharist service. Pastor Peterson will be out of town and The Rev. Dr. Cheryl Peterson will preside.

For special festival Sundays beginning with Reformation Sunday we will be having a Gospel procession.

Thankoffering Sunday is November 11 and, as is our tradition, it will be conducted by the women of the church with a food collection for the food pantries.

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Budget would be close to balanced based on the pledged amounts. Discussed Renters and Utility costs.

Discussed the budgetary management program, Church Windows.

Discussed increasing benevolence.

Geoff motioned to accept budget with meeting edits. Donna seconded. Passed unanimous.