

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2017
Prepared by Emily Godshalk**

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church Lounge

Present: Larry Faelchle, Pastor Peterson, Emily Godshalk, David Huskey, Sarah Evinsky, Geoff Wilhelm, Steve Mayer, Donna Bowman, and Sean Money Penny

Absent: Neal Coryell

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Larry welcomed the new council members.

Devotions Devotion and reflections from Pastor Peterson regarding scripture reading for next week from the gospel of John.

Minutes Minutes from the February 13th meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. Motion to approve minutes (with edits) by Donna Bowman, seconded by Steve Mayer. Minutes were approved unanimously by in-meeting vote.

Old Business

Vision-Mission Roll Out

We broke down our mission statement during council retreats. We talked about holding temple talks and tying the mission into a sermon. The mission statement explanation was introduced at the Annual Meeting. Larry and Pastor will do the first temple talk during announcements on Sunday March 19th and other council members will do a temple talk on March 26th. On April 2nd, we will discuss the mission for a youth and family minister.

- **Corinthian Fund Discussion**

There is currently no money in the Fund; Pastor can contribute out of his discretionary fund if there is a need. There was a discussion of the need to educate the congregation about the fund and provide information about it. Also there was a discussion of a mission tagline/phrase/theme to communicate over the coming weeks.

New Business

Question brought up about whether it would be beneficial to email Council meeting minutes to the congregation. Suggestion made to put minutes on the church website.

Executive Reports

President's Report.

Schedule installation of new council—April 2nd will be the installation of new council members.

Thank you cards—Larry sent out thank you cards to Gretchen Brandt, David Johnston, and Jason McKittrick. A certificate of appreciation will also be presented to them on April 2nd.

Vacant secretary position—Discussion of possible people to ask to fill this role.

Stewardship campaign—Treasurer prefers to move to the fall to align with the approval of the 2018 budget and with entry of information into finance software.

Vice President's Report.

Request for sanctuary use for concert— The Magpie Consort requested that Trinity host their concert on Sunday May 7th at 3 p.m. Concert proceeds would be split 50/50 with Trinity and the Magpie Consort. Sean Moneypenny moved to extend offer to have concert here, with terms as outlined in Chris Dent's email. Larry Faelchle seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (includes attached written reports for January and February)

The month of January was down for expenses.

Income has been up overall for January and February. Keep in mind when looking at our income and expenses that we have a \$19,000 budget deficit for the year.

Treasurer distributed updated reimbursement forms; reminder for committee chairs to sign form before turning it in.

ODOT is doing improvements to streets over the 3rd Street bridge over the Interstate. Steve will bring a Power Point presentation to a future Council meeting.

Donna Bowman motioned to approve January and February 2017 Treasurer's reports. David Huskey seconded. Motion carries.

- **Pastor's Report** – See attached written report for February 2017.
 - Through the years, Pastor has seen a shift in leadership from keeping things as they are to being more open to new ideas and new directions which he is encouraged by. He is hoping that change is good and that God will lead us.
 - Would be good to get a new Time and Talent sheet out in the Spring.

Committee Reports

Community Ministry.

David Huskey met with Gretchen before church on March 12th and she will give him materials to aid in carrying out this position. Wants to maintain things that have gone really well and brainstorm ideas for new things to add.

Congregational Life.

- Simple lunches consisting of soup and dessert continue throughout the season of Lent on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. We have volunteers lined up to make food for all of the upcoming lunches.
- Family Fun Night took place on Sunday February 19th. Attendees enjoyed dinner and playing Bingo and other games. Our committee will consider whether to continue this event in the future due to low attendance.

Evangelism/Communications. Pastor and Sarah will meet on March 15th. Sarah plans to have a committee meeting soon.

Property.

Boiler maintenance

Trying to get through the end of the winter. Sean wants to get a plan together about what needs to be done with the boilers and a handout for the congregation. Also wants to put a presentation together about what is needed with the boilers. Possibly hold a congregational meeting in the spring about what needs to be done and answer questions.

Education Wing chimney work

Wants to get chimney sealed up in late spring/early summer.

This month, on the right hand side of the Father side of the sanctuary, Sean tightened up screws on pews and on kneel boards. Need to do other side soon.

Pastor requests a spring general clean-up day of the church before Easter on April 8th from 9 to noon.

Spiritual Formation. Geoff Wilhelm provided a written report (attached).

Amy Hehr got Brad and Carol Smith involved in joining the Spiritual Formation team. Need to solidify committee involvement with Madeline DeRoche. Geoff is hoping to speak with Rachel Hammer about the Stewardship campaign.

Discussion of Youth Ministry and asking congregation to get more engaged in Sunday School. Pastor running through at least one scriptural reading during Adult Sunday School hour.

Youth and Family vision discussion on will be held April 2nd during church. Will be about equipping parents and families to continue teaching children at home and developing relationships with kids and congregation members. Will describe what we imagine in a story form and put out a call to action.

Worship. Donna provided a written report (attached). There has been good attendance on Wednesday Lenten noon and evening services.

Larry mentioned to new council members to have committee reports typed up and emailed out the Sunday evening before the next council meeting.

Adjournment. Donna Bowman moved to adjourn the meeting; Sean Money Penny seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The closing prayer was the Lord's Prayer.