

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2019**

Prepared by Bob Nida

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church Lounge

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

Absent: Donna Bowman, Geoff Wilhelm, Sarah Evinsky, and David Huskey.

Meeting called to order at 7:04PM

Copier Presentation by Mid-Ohio, Levi Jacobs. Discussed new printer, printing volumes, access to printing. Contract is a locked contract with per page service fees.

Pastor's Devotional: Pastor read Luke, 6th chapter.

Minutes: Emily motioned to accept January minutes. Steve seconded. Passed unanimous.

Old Business:

Larry reported that Narcotics Anonymous (NA) wants to have more time for their meetings. They currently have one hour less, increase rent to \$40 per month.

Larry motioned to allow NA use the Fellowship hall an additional hour, 6:00PM to 8:30PM once a month on third Saturdays. They will also be provided an additional key. They will not have the hall for Easter Vigil. Neal seconded. Passed unanimous.

Neal asked about the member letters.

Pastor reviewed constitution as it relates to amendments and proxy/absentee voting.

Steve reviewed his conversation with Jill Crist of the Cello School. After review, no objections to Jill's use of facility within the contract. Larry will talk to David about acceptable use.

New Business:

Executive Reports

- **President's Report.**

- Larry discussed preparation for Annual membership meeting, Reports to be submitted by the 24th. Larry requested that candidate introduce themselves. Larry is pleased with Emily's work.
- Executive committee will need to meet about Pastor's sabbatical on Feb 21.

- o Larry wants the Property Endowment and Mission Endowment committees to be filled and to meet.
- o Larry has reached out to Alvis, but hasn't heard back. There has been several staff changes there.
- **Vice President's Report**
 - o Neal brought up the phone system issues.
 - o Crop walk planning meeting being planned.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - o Reviewed January 2019 budget, income and expense. Part of a normal cycle, plus there was a snow emergency. Income down as a result.
 - o Neal motioned to accept Treasurer's report, Larry seconded. Passed unanimous.
- **Pastor's Report**
 - o Pastor reviewed written report.

Committee Reports

- **Community Ministry**
 - o Mayda reviewed report. Had planning meeting for the coming year. LSS food pantry, LSS Faith Mission presentations.
 - o Met about lunches, updated processes for acquisition of food.
 - o Donated the cold weather clothing.
 - o Souper Bowl raised over \$300 for LSS and the Noisy Offering raised over \$800.
- **Congregational Life**
 - o Emily reported she is looking for volunteers for Wednesday lunches.
 - o Has Amy lined up to replace her.
 - o Discussed other positions.
- **Evangelism/Communications**
 - o No report.
 - o Pastor reports that Alpha will be starting shortly, potentially 6 attendees.
 - o Pastor thanked Sarah for the member pictorial directory.
 - o Neal said the three pictures on the Fellowship Hall mantle are very nice.
- **Property**
 - o Larry reported no major repairs. He has assisted with snow removal.
 - o Pastor and Larry reported that tenants are believed to be keeping warm now, even on our coldest days
- **Spiritual Formation**
 - o Pastor reports that 4th Saturday event coming up.
- **Worship**
 - o No report.

Adjournment: Adjourn at 9:08 P.M.

Community Ministry Report

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Hello,

On January 25th Pastor Peterson, Neal and I had a meeting to talk about future planning for the Community Ministry.

Saturday January 26th pastor Peterson, Steve Mayer, Mary Reed-Farris and I had a meeting about the lunches. In the meeting, we talked about what would be the best practice to place an order and pay for the lunches. Steve had express that he prefer we use the reimbursement form so it will be credit to the Community Ministry budget.

This has been a very busy beginning of the year 2019. Last month in January, we collected warm items and donated them to the Open Shelter. The Noisy Offering is going very well. For now, we have \$826.50 from cash, checks and rolled coins. Thank you to Sarah Bender in organizing this event. Gretchen and Katie Brandt in helping count the money and the children for the noisy collection. We still have two more Sundays to go! The Congregational Life and Community Ministry joined together for another successful Souper Bowl 2019 with a total of \$308.00 for the LSS Food Pantry. Many thanks to the people who made soups and the ones that voted.

Mayda V. Vazquez

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019 WORSHIP MEETING

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

Due to scheduling conflicts, we did not have a meeting in January but had a combined January/February meeting instead, with chocolate chip cookies.

Thank you to Sarah Evinsky who made a sidewalk sign indicating that we hold morning prayer services.

We started with a video and discussion of the church year. The first half of the year starts in December with Advent, continues until Pentecost and follows the story of Jesus life. The second half of the year starts after Pentecost and continues to Christ the King Sunday and tells the story of the church.

Although Lent doesn't begin until mid-March, we have started planning for Lent by selecting the liturgy, a theme for the midweek services, and discussed music. In addition to midweek services at noon and seven, Pastor Peterson will be saying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at noon. The committee urges the contributions from the midweek services and Lenten folders be designated for the sanctuary project at First English.

We will be ordering palm branches from Lutheran World Relief. The workers who harvest the palms are paid a fair wage and so harvest fewer palms thereby protecting the forests and the profits go back to the communities in Mexico and Guatemala that raise the palms.

Tom Wells will be evaluating the sound system as we continue to receive comments from the congregation about the difficulty hearing speakers using the lectern. Depending on the cost, a member of the committee has offered to pay for a new or additional microphone.

The noisy offering was enjoyed by both the congregation and the children and will continue for the month.

We are planning for a wine tasting after church on Pentecost.

The worship committee will be hosting the coffee cart in February.