

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2018

Prepared by Bob Nida

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church Lounge

Present: Larry Faelchle, Pastor Peterson, Donna Bowman, Emily Godshalk, Steve Mayer, Geoff Wilhelm, Mayda Vasquez, and Bob Nida.

Absent: Neal Coryell, Sarah Evinsky, David Huskey.

Meeting called to order at 7:02PM

Pastor's Devotional: Council members shared high points and positive developments. Pastor read of the disciples ran into Jesus on the road.

Minutes: Larry proposed a grammatical correction. Pastor motioned to accept March minutes. Emily seconded. Passed Unanimous.

Old Business:

New Business: In email on April 2, 2018, Geoff Wilhelm motioned, "I motion that we approve the following job description for the role of Children's Minister, with understanding of what I've conveyed in this email. We will recruit from within the congregation and from the community. Job description attached."

Emily Seconded

After a few recommendations, Geoff accepted the recommended changes, altered the job description and redistributed in email on April 3.

Motion passes unanimous.

Executive Reports

● **President's Report.**

- Larry motion that Chris Dent asked to use the sanctuary for a Magpie concert again on Dec 9, 2018, 3PM, ending roughly 5PM. Half the ticket proceeds will be shared with TLC. Donna Seconded. Passed.
- New membership installation proposed on April 22, 2018.
- Larry has not heard back yet from Columbus Maennerchor. There is a potential June concert. There might be a vote to approve.

- o Larry said that a person from Church Mutual (building insurance) was trying to reach some of our representatives, Larry wanted Steve and David to be aware. She was hoping to show up on April 16th. She also wanted to update some contacts.
 - o The dance group has not yet signed the contract.
 - o Amethyst has not yet signed a contract, but things are still moving forward and final is near.
 - o Larry wants executive council to do performance reviews in the next few months.
- **Vice President's Report**
 - o Neal could not attend today.
 - o Neal asks that Trinity host CGMC rehearsals on Saturday May 12 9:30AM-4PM and Monday June 11th from 7:00PM - 9:00PM.
 - o Larry motioned to accept these dates, Donna seconded. Passed unanimous.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - o Steve continues to work on rental schedule. Assembled a list of current renters and fees in effort to help generate future schedule. Larry said it's a great start.
 - o Discussed budget, progression, income and expenses. Some unbudgeted building expenses.
 - o Church Mutual umbrella policy terrorism rider has a \$5 million threshold before a payout. Discussed cancelling this.
 - o Geoff motioned we accept the Treasurer's report. Pastor seconded. Passed unanimous.
 - o Pastor asked about electronic giving. Steve will look into it.
- **Pastor's Report**
 - o Pastor reported busy month, but all went well. Asked us to welcome new, renewed, members. Continue to welcome visitors.
 - o Reports that committees are making good moves, moving their groups forward.
 - o Pastor will attend the Ohio Poor People's Campaign, a National Call for Moral Revival. Saturday Noon-4PM First Unitarian Church in Clintonville. Based on Martin Luther King's teachings.
 - o Pastor will ask the Synod for guidance in regards to constitution changes.

Committee Reports

- **Community Ministry**

- o Mayda reported that weekly lunches are going well. Having trouble finding the chicken snack. Folks made suggestions for places to find the desired chicken meals.
- o Interfaith March for Peace and Justice on April 29th. Event meeting at Genoa Park.
- o April 22, 12:30-7PM @ Columbus Global Academy
- o April 24, Mayda will meet attend LSS Choices meeting. They are building new shelter, will have more beds and will be able to host males and also have a kennel for pets.
- o Mayda will be exploring opportunities to help the animal shelter.
- **Congregational Life**
 - o Emily reported that Spring activities will begin.
 - o Looking for coffee cart sign-up volunteers.
- **Evangelism/Communications**
 - o Sarah could not attend.
 - o Room cleanup preparation for Amethyst continues.
- **Property**
 - o David could not attend.
 - o Larry reported that the swing group spoke of heat buildup while they are dancing. They also expressed concern about the temperature in the Summer. We discussed options.
 - o Also discussed that some folks that may seek help/assistance from the renting groups, which are not prepared to provide assistance.
 - o Outdoor lights are being addressed.
- **Spiritual Formation**
 - o Geoff spoke of the Children's Minister, asked for ideas helping to recruit candidates to apply. Pastor will be talking to Gillian, a once potential candidate.
 - o Geoff discussed cross-ministry collaboration, welcoming additional opportunities for groups to work together.
- **Worship**
 - o Donna reports that Easter went well.
 - o Larry said that a lot of work goes into the lead up to Easter.

Adjournment: Pastor motioned to adjourn at 8:56 P.M. Emily seconded. Passed Unanimous.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio
Pastor's Report for Church Council
For March, 2018 (Submitted April 9, 2018)

I. Upreach

A. Worship and Common Prayer

1. 2 Sabbath services each weekend in March
2. Midweek worship: --Lenten Eucharist services 12:05 and 7:00 p.m. 3/7, 14, & 21
--Stations of the Cross 12:05 Friday 3/2, 9, 6, & 23
3. Holy Week: --Maundy Thursday & Good Friday (3/29-30) @ 12:05 & 7:00
--Easter Vigil 3/31 @ 7:00 p.m.
3. Worship and Music Team Mtg. 3/20
4. Lots of Prep for Lent, Holy Week and Easter

B. Spiritual Formation

1. Spiritual formation Team mtg. 3/6
2. Prepped for and participated in 4th Sunday Intergen event 3/24
3. Alpha: Planning mtg. 2/11, plenty of behind the scenes work
4. Alpha: 6:00-9:00 p.m. Sundays 3/4, 11, & 18
5. Bob Ohrsted's Faith and Art Study 6:30-8:30 3/15 & 22

II. Inreach

A. Congregational Life:

1. March mtg?
2. Lenten lunches Wednesday 3/7, 14, 21 & 29
3. Before and after worship base-touching, as always.

B. Pastoral Care:

1. Hospital, sick, & homebound: 3/6, 9, 10, 14, 16 (x2), 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28
2. Pre-marital/Baptism/Funeral:
3. Various phone calls and notes weekly
4. Other member mtgs: 3/9

III. Outreach

A. Evangelism/Communication:

1. A few Facebook posts
2. Streetwalking 2x/wk.
3. No mtg in March?
4. Met with Swing Dance group leader 3/27

B. Visitors and Prospective Members:

1. Lots of phone calls to regular members & friends
2. Notes, emails, or calls to visitors weekly
3. Individual mtgs 3/1, 6, 7, 10, 17

C. Community Ministry:

1. Regular contacts through Samaritan Ministry
2. Southside Progressive Action: dna in March
3. Faith in Public Life 3/21
4. Mayda Vazquez 3/16

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

A. Staff:

1. Mary—2x weekly (ca. 15 minutes @)
2. Lori—occasional base-touching
3. Dr. Tom Multiple times, in prep for Ash Wed. & Lent

B. Property:

1. Several discussions w/ David Huskey
2. Trash pick-up through the churchyard weekly
3. Church cleanup 3/24

C. Finance: A few contacts through the month w/ Steven Mayer

D. Council 3/7 (preceded by exec team)

E. Trans-congregational:

1. Pericope study w/local pastors, Wednesdays 8:00-9:30
2. Central OH Conference of SOS—3/8

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

A. Scholarship, study, and teaching

1. Working on “Philipp Melanchthon” for *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Published by Degruyter), due May 1, 2018.
2. Enrolled in a creative writing correspondence course through Image Journal
3. Registered for “The Science of Consciousness” conference, April 1-5, 2018

B. Time away 2017-18

1. Continuing Ed. taken in 2017:

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 in 2018

i. Language & Culture Trip in Mexico: 3 days, incl. 1 Sunday
(Sunday 1/21: other days 1/ 23, 24)

ii. Science of Consciousness Conference: 2 days (April 4-5)

c. Planned yet for 2018

i. Glen creative writing event: 5 days, including 1 Sunday
(July 30, August 1, 2, 4, and Sunday 8/5)

ii. American Academy of Religion: 3 days, including 1 Sunday
(November 15 & 17, and Sunday 11/18)

iii. Visit to my sister Holly in Minnesota 3 weekdays, tbd, in the summer

3. Reimbursements & payments:

a. For “The Science of Consciousness” (from Pr’s cont. ed. Fund): \$1533.91

b. Mileage to be reimbursed: 272 (x \$0.545/mile) = \$148.24

VI. Remarks

1) Thanks again to all for a fine Lent, Holy Week and Easter! The cleanup/4th Saturday Intergen event was a new highlight!

2) Don’t forget to welcome Kristi Hudecek and Tony Skunza, both of whom formally joined (or rejoined Trinity at Easter. Some folks on the cusp of formally joining the congregation: Jessie and Dustin, Scott Counts, the Bakers (!?!).

3) I'm excited to have Mayda on board as our Community Ministry Chair. More good things are about to happen in this ministry! Praise God!

4) I'm feeling a sense of call to work locally with *The Ohio Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival*. Following in the footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and headed by the Reverend William Barber, the campaign will be training citizens in 30 states to participate in a season of sustained non-violent moral direct action to address four evils afflicting us: **poverty, systemic racism, the war economy, and environmental devastation**. Here's a link: <https://poorpeoplescampaign.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/OhioPPC/>

This Saturday from noon-4 at the Unitarian Universality Church just off High Street in Clintonville the organizers are holding a training session this to prepare folks from Columbus to participate in nonviolent moral direct action. I will be present, at least for most of it...

5) If I'm late to the above, it'll be because I'm working on starting some Confirmation instruction for Carlos Pagan from 9:30-11:30 this Saturday, and a couple of Saturdays per month. Robin Gurujal and several of the Workman family may be joining in as well.

Congregational Life Council Report April 2018

-Congregational Life will provide the dinner for the Alpha course on April 22nd and May 6th.
-We held a committee meeting on April 8th and began to plan out our spring activities. Our next committee meeting will be on May 6th. -We will start selling red geraniums this month to beautify the sanctuary for Pentecost services. -Congregational Life will be in charge of the coffee cart and providing snacks for the cart for the month of May. -Lemonade on the Lawn will begin again in May. Since May is the beginning of garage sale season, we thought we would try something new during the first LOTL in the spirit of spring cleaning and “decluttering.” We will hold the first LOTL in the fellowship hall and have a plant exchange and people can also bring in CDs/DVDs/Tupperware/kitchen products and baking products, etc. to exchange. We would have tables with the items set up in the fellowship hall that people can browse over while they have refreshments and people can take home plants and items that they are interested in.

Spiritual Formation Ministry Report – Month of March 2018

Submitted by Geoff Wilhelm on 4/10/2018

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

Next Ministry Team Meeting: May 1st, 7:00pm @ Trinity church

Children's / Youth Christian Education:

Prior to April Council meeting, presented a motion to approve a job description for a Children's Minister position. All positive feedback from Council members. We will formalize the vote during the April 10th Council meeting.

ROLE UPDATE:

After having talked with a few candidates, we believe that we can get a little more Christian Education with the role, for a little more time from the person and with a little more involvement from Pastor and Spiritual Formation. Accordingly, we've enhanced the role from a Nursery Attendant. We're still going for a role like that which Brea Porter served, but with some light children's Christ Ed duties as well. The latest title we've come up with is: Children's Minister.

RECRUITING INTENTIONS:

Jane Nida has said that she is not interested in the full-time role, but will cover for us until we fill the role. As we recruit for the role, we will be satisfied if we find a good candidate like Brea. If we find someone who would like to do more with the role, the job description allows for those possibilities. Communication channels identified so far...

- Contact Jacobs Porch: Geoff
- Call OSU College of Education: Brad
- Contact the Seminary: Pastor Chuck
- Ask Neal to post with Synod: Geoff
- Connect w Sarah for social post: Geoff

2018 BUDGET IMPACT:

Since we only need to cover 9 months in 2018 and we have ~\$1350 remaining in the budget for this position. We will try to manage to the \$1500 2018 budget, by going light on lessons in the Summer and should be able to cover the expanded role for the year. If there is some small

overage (< \$300 worst case), we can fund that by trading off somewhere else in the Spiritual Formation budget.

SUPERVISION:

In day-to-day activities, the Children's Minister will report to Amy Hehr, who will take on the supervisory function and will handle communications with all parties. Any Christ Ed teaching will be done under supervision of Pastor and Spiritual Formation.

Youth & Family Ministry:

The Intergenerational 4th Saturday event on March 24th, was a good time and was centered around the Property clean up day. Thanks to David Huskey for partnering with us on the event and for the tour of Old Trinity's coolest spaces. Next 4th Saturday events will be:

APRIL 28th - Theme: Pentecost, Fire, Wind

MAY 26th - Theme: Bees, Welcome Amethyst

JUNE 23rd - Theme: Outdoor field trip, nature, God's creation

In a broader initiative, Spiritual Formation has been working to develop a pattern of worship, education, fellowship, gathering, and sending that could very easily dovetail into other ministry activities, allowing us to bring into more of our gatherings the intergenerational focus. We would like to share this pattern and ask the ministry leaders if they would like to hear more about this?

Adult Study Group on Art and Faith:

Bob Ohrstedt continues a study on Thursday nights on Sister Wendy Beckett's review of art history in light of our Biblical faith.

Adult Sunday School is on hiatus until further notice.

Alpha – Spring Session (Feb 18th – May 6th)

Alpha Day Away is Sunday April 15th, after which we will have 3 more weeks of Alpha

Confirmation Classes

Pastor Chuck is approaching Tucker Lumbrá and Maggie Nida to participate in confirmation study

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Columbus, OH

Position: Children's Minister

Vision:

The Children's Minister ensures the nursery is a secure, nurturing environment where each child will see, hear and feel the love of Jesus Christ and parents can feel confident their child will receive the highest quality of care and ministry. The Children's Minister contributes to our church's mission to "Share the Word of God through worship and teaching, love and service, in our congregation in our community" by building an ongoing, weekly relationship with our children during Sunday morning worship.

Job Summary:

The Children's Minister is responsible for the care of toddlers and early-elementary-aged children during Sunday morning worship. In addition, he or she may prepare and present lessons or activities for children in the nursery, under the direction of the Spiritual Formation Team and Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church

Time Commitment:

- Approx 2 hours every Sunday: 10:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. currently and some special events
- Additional time required to prepare lessons or activities for the children
- May distribute take home Christian Education lessons, teachings, and materials to parents and families regardless of their attendance, to extend Spiritual Formation into families' homes
- Total Monthly hours = 7-15 hours

Compensation:

- \$12-\$20/hour based on experience and qualifications
- Time paid for lesson preparation
- Possibility for special event pay on an as-needed basis

Qualifications:

1. Seeking a nurturing, caring, patient caregiver who enjoys working with young children. Experience in early childhood development or youth and family ministry a plus.
2. Ability to communicate effectively with parents.
3. Dependability.

4. Reliable transportation.
5. CPR and First Aid certified – or willingness to become certified.
6. Satisfactory completion of background check.
7. Must be 16 years of age or older.
8. Provide three references: one personal, two professional
9. Ability and eagerness to share and teach Christian faith in accordance with the Lutheran tradition