

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2018

Prepared by Bob Nida

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church Lounge

Present: Larry Faelchle, Sarah Evinsky, Neal Coryell, Pastor Peterson, Donna Bowman, Geoff Wilhelm, David Huskey, and Bob Nida.

Absent: Mayda Vazquez, Emily Godshalk, Steve Mayer

Meeting called to order at 7:03PM

Pastor's Devotional: Pastor spoke of the Feast of the Accession. Read some passages and then asked council to help rate congregation for the synod report with discussion.

Minutes: Pastor motioned to accept January minutes. Sarah seconded. Passed Unanimous.

Old Business:

New Business: Pastor motioned to permit Property Chair to spend up to \$750 for chairs and tables necessary the Alvis Summer Quest program. Geoff seconded. Passed unanimous.

Geoff motioned to allow Children's Minister selection team to proceed with the preliminary role and allow ourselves until June to follow up with official paperwork and checks. Donna Seconded. Passed unanimous.

Executive Reports

- **President's Report.**

- Larry reported about proceedings with Maennerchor about their requested events. Larry motioned to allow Maennerchor these dates; June 10 (kitchen and Fellowship Hall @\$350), August 19 (Sanctuary @\$200) and December 2 (during Village Lights, Sanctuary at 50/50 split from ticket sale proceeds). Larry cleared two of the three dates with Mary already. Donna seconded. Passed unanimous.
- Larry reported that the contract is signed with Alvis Summer Quest (AKA Amethyst)
- Church Mutual met with Larry and David. CM updated contact info. Expenses are still being explored.
- Executive committee meeting on Thursday, June 7th 6:00 PM

- **Vice President's Report**

- Neal reported ongoing work on the book collection, May 27th is the deadline.

- o Finalizing the numbers for the Pride T-shirts. Taking funds for the T-Shirts.
- o TLC will be participating Thursday May 10th in the food pantry distribution at the Barrack Rec Center.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - o No report.
- **Pastor's Report**
 - o Pastor reports that he was busy at multiple locations in April. Alpha retreat and visiting Sheila in Cincinnati.
 - o Pastor spoke of membership participation in multiple ministries and topics.
 - o Confirmation is underway. Jessie and Dustin will be joining congregation later than planned due to travel. Others might join on Trinity Sunday.
 - o Fall of 2019, Pastor is considering/requesting a sabbatical. Pastor has an interest in teaching theology in Indonesia.
 - o Pastor will try to reach out to non-attending members.

Committee Reports

- **Community Ministry**
 - o Neal reported meeting with Mary, Neal, Pastor, and Mayda might need to be rescheduled.
- **Congregational Life**
 - o Emily submitted a report.
 - o Larry reminded that lemonade on the lawn will be resuming shortly.
- **Evangelism/Communications**
 - o Sarah reported that committee met in April. Reported that signage options are being considered. Discussed recruiting official greeters and a pictorial directory.
- **Property**
 - o David met with Church Mutual.
 - o Property is working to meet requirements of Alvis.
 - o Spoke with Lori about being available for additional hours for Alvis response. David doesn't know how many additional hours will be necessary.
 - o Pastor motioned to allow Lori to work extra hours as approved by President, Property Chair and Pastor to clean up after Alvis. Donna seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - o Commercial disposal in kitchen is still dead. David will explore replacement options, but commercial ones are several thousands of dollars.
 - o Chimney repair should be beginning.
- **Spiritual Formation**
 - o Geoff reported the next intergenerational event is being held at the Franklin Park Conservatory on May 26th.
 - o Referenced the report distributed in email.
 - o Geoff spoke of cross ministry collaboration discussions will resume next month.
- **Worship**

- o Donna referenced submitted report.
- o We will have two confirmation students.

Adjournment: Adjourn at 9:02 P.M.

Community Ministry Report May 8th, 2018

Good evening,

On April 29th we went to the Interfaith March for Peace and Justice. There was a good crowd and the stories about the immigrants and refugees was very inspiring for all of us. Stories from Cantor Jack Chomsky from the Congregation Tifereth Israel, Dr. Tarunjit Butalia from the Sikh community, Neda Sharifaei from the Baha'i Faith and Dayra Vazquez from the Ohio Hispanic Coalition sharing about a woman separated from her husband and small children because of deportation. Also, calling to action against the "Visa Lifecycle Vetting" and anti-bullying in schools.

LSS Choices have new points to share with the community:

- FY 2017, CHOICES served more than 2000 including 700 for the shelter - A new shelter is on it's way and increase # of beds from 51 to 120 - Shelter have a kennel and area for pets - Expected date to open is at the end of 2018

Habitat for Humanity future dates: Saturday June 16th Saturday July 14th Saturday August 18th

The lunches for the community has been a very important part of service in the community ministry. However, the process of making this lunches have been a challenge. It have been a challenge in how it has been funded and processing the orders. Gretchen and David have been very generous in helping with providing these lunches but we need to put in writing some form of policy and procedure for future chairpersons of the community ministry so they can know what to expect and do. I have talked with Pastor Peterson, Neal and Mary so we can meet on Wednesday May 16th at 10 am so we can plan and have something in place.

Thank you, Mayda Vazquez

Congregational Life Council Report May 2018

-Committee meeting on May 6th, next meeting will be on June 3rd -We will pass out a gift of flowers to all mothers after worship services on Mother's Day weekend (May 12th and 13th). -The first Lemonade on the Lawn of the year will be on May 20th after worship in the fellowship hall. During LOTL we will be also having a plant exchange/CD and DVD exchange/bakeware and Tupperware exchange. The items will be on display on tables in the fellowship hall and people can browse through them and pick out items while having refreshments. -Red geraniums to beautify the sanctuary for Pentecost are currently on sale for \$12 a pot. We have already sold 20 pots and plan to sell a total of 30. We plan to plant the geraniums outside the church after Lemonade on the Lawn. -Congregational Life will hold a reception after church on Trinity Sunday (May 27th) to celebrate our namesake Sunday and welcome new members who will be joining the congregation that Sunday. -Will host a Father's Day breakfast on June 17th and pass out a small gift to all fathers after worship services. -We are happy to have Beth Fraley back on the Congregational Life committee! She attended our last two committee meetings and will be helping us out.

Tuesday, May

8, 2018 Communications & Evangelism Report May 2018

We had a meeting on April 18

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Discussed signage for the outside of the building. Neal was going to check on the City limitations on outdoor signage.

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Discussed recruiting official greeters to welcome visitor and make sure they get a welcome packet.

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Discussed the possibility of doing a pictorial directory on one of the bulletin boards with an area designated for new members.

With the assistance of Sarah Bender a church Instagram account was created

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We asked members to send us pictures they'd like posted -

Our account name is @oldtrinitylutheran

Our Spring Alpha session wrapped up 5/6

- I'll be working with Geoff to debrief from this session and discuss the possibility and plans for a future session

Spiritual Formation Ministry Report – Month of April 2018

Submitted by Geoff Wilhelm on 5/8/2018

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

Next Ministry Team Meeting: June 5th, 7:00pm @ Trinity church

We welcomed Bob Ohrstedt to the ministry team this past month. Very excited to have him aboard!

Children's / Youth Christian Education:

Children's Minister: In last month's council meeting, we approved the role and direction for the Children's Minister position.

RECRUITING INTENTIONS:

Jane Nida continues to cover for us until we fill the role.

Job posting has gone out through the following communication channels so far...

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

Meanwhile, Jill Carter has resurfaced as a potential candidate for the position. She has not yet been interviewed by two people on the selection team (including Pastor Chuck), so we will try to get those final interviews in motion again. Jill would be available to begin as early as 5/27, but we do not have another council meeting until early June.

I would like to propose that, if Jill satisfies everyone on the selection team, that we allow her to begin working "ad hoc" as we are doing with Jane. That would give us a couple additional weeks to get to know her while we finalize background check and references. At which point, we would present a recommendation to Council for an official hiring vote...then we can get her on payroll, etc.

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 May 5th was rescheduled from April, due to the Columbus Marathon route. Thanks to the Worship committee for helping the kids understand how we celebrate Pentecost! Next 4th Saturday events will be:

MAY 26th - Theme: Bees, Welcome Amethyst

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

Adult Study Group on Art and Faith:

Bob Ohrstedt will continue a study on Thursday nights through May 24th on Sister Wendy Beckett's review of art history in light of our Biblical faith.

Adult Study Groups will take a break the week of Memorial Day. When we return the first full week of June, we will begin a 5-6 week faith study group on Environmentalism and the Biblical basis for stewardship of the natural world.

Adult Sunday School is on hiatus until further notice.

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

Alpha Spring 2018 session wrapped up strong this week, with a celebration, fellowship, and feedback sharing. Will reconvene with Sarah, the planning team and the small group leaders in the next week or two to review the session, go over feedback and think about what we want to do with Alpha going forward.

Confirmation Classes

Pastor Chuck is beginning to meet with Tucker Lumbra and Robyn Gurujal to participate in confirmation study

APRIL 2018 WORSHIP COMMITTEE

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

At the April meeting we reviewed Lent, Holy Week and Easter and discussed possible changes. We will order a new outdoor banner to give the times of the noon and evening Lent services, the current banner only lists the noon service, and Stations of the Cross on Fridays. We discussed having a meal as part of the Maundy Thursday service but no final decision was made. This year we returned to the tradition of draping the statue of Jesus in black rather than hiding it behind a screen and the change was well received.

We are working with Spiritual Formation to involve the children with the Pentecost service. Robin will serve as crucifier, Carlos Pagan will carry the processional banner and the younger children will have paper flames. As the suggestion of releasing a flock of white pigeons to fly through the sanctuary was rejected without discussion, the children have made paper doves to hang over the baptismal font and the altar.

We discussed concerns of a few members of the congregation over the choice of hymns, that is we should be singing more familiar traditional hymns. The committee, however, would like to broaden the hymn selection with the addition of some newer hymns. We will have favorite hymns chosen by the congregation throughout the summer and the issue has been discussed with the individuals concerned.