

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

June 15, 2023 – 6:30 pm

Conference Room

Members present: Danette Welsh (President), Bev Cross, Kyle Gebhardt, Sue Kolling, Matt McMerty, Dean Natwick, Colleen Peterson, Barb Pfeifer, Londa Rodahl, Denise Wetzel, and Pastor Mark Narum.

Members absent: Bob Baumann.

Devotions were given by Dean Natwick.

Approval of Agenda: Matt McMerty moved approval of the agenda. Second by Sue Kolling and carried.

Acceptance of Consent Agenda: Matt McMerty moved acceptance of the Consent Agenda. Second by Bev Cross and carried.

Financial Report: Matt McMerty reported May revenues of \$82,252.15, expenses of \$74,795.09, leaving a balance of \$7,457.06. Year-to-Date: revenues \$351,257.17, expenses \$322,304.37, balance \$28,952.80. Colleen Peterson moved that the Council received the financial report. Second by Dean Natwick and carried.

Dwelling in the World: We split into groups of two and walked in different directions from the church for 15 minutes to observe the surroundings: several churches, two schools, many multi-family housing buildings, historical district homes. How do we be a part and a blessing to our neighborhood?

Old Business:

Fire Detection/Alarm Task Force Update: Danette had received an email from a member questioning if we should just take out a loan and get the fire detection/alarm system done as soon as possible. She told him we are looking at all options and a loan isn't off the table. Pastor Mark reviewed the status of the renovation projects and capital campaign. The Capital Campaign Committee recently met and set a goal of \$375,000 for the entire fire detection/alarm system. They hope to be able to state in their campaign that the Council, their committee and staff are committed 100%. Contracts have been signed to begin and we'll have to make about a 10% down payment.

Potential Lawsuit Update: Pastor Mark reminded us of the possible lawsuit from last winter of a Trinity member who claimed to have fallen on our property and which resulted in medical issues. We have witnesses to the fall and had heard nothing. Therefore, our insurance company contacted the member's insurance company a couple weeks ago asking them to respond within a week. We have had no response.

Transferring Financial Institutions Update: Pastor Mark reported we have received the credit cards for First International Bank and the transfer process is moving along. What we weren't aware of was how our accounting system would be affected by the transfer but this is being resolved.

Sharing the Peace: We will return to Sharing the Peace at the beginning of worship. It will be explained that acknowledgement can be made without shaking hands.

Trinity Financial Practices: Pastor Mark reviewed the procedures to be effective July 1, 2023 for handling all offerings. These new procedures include two unrelated individuals, a bank bag, a drop safe, and a dual-key lock. Kyle Gebhardt moved that the Council approves of the new financial practices. Second by Barb Pfeifer and carried.

New Business:

Three-Year Deferred Maintenance: Pastor Mark and Danette reported on the recent walk-through of the whole facility and what projects need attention. At a follow-up meeting the next week, the projects were ranked by the proposed year of completion for the next three years. Kyle Gebhardt moved the approval of completing the proposed items for this year. Second by Bev Cross and carried.

Trust Fund Grant Applications:

Matt McMerty moved that the Council supports the Trust Fund grant application for costs to repair the roof and that the President has the authority to sign the associated contracts. Second by Colleen Peterson and carried.

Dean Natwick moved that the Council supports the Trust Fund grant application request for the rental of a bounce house and moveable sign for the vendor fair scheduled at Trinity for Saturday, September 30 from 10:00-2:00. Second by Denise Wetzel and carried.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted,
Londa Rodahl, Secretary