

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

August 17, 2023 – 6:30 pm

Conference Room

Members present: Danette Welsh (President), Bob Baumann, Bev Cross, Kyle Gebhardt, Sue Kolling, Matt McMerty, Dean Natwick, Londa Rodahl, and Pastors Martha HarriSon and Mark Narum.

Members absent: Colleen Peterson, Barb Pfeifer and Denise Wetzel.

Others present: John Brintnell (Facility Manager) and Kris Schwab (Core Facility Solutions).

Devotions were given by Danette Welsh.

Kris Schwab was present to give an update on the nursery repairs as well as the status of the fire alarm/detection system.

He reported a condensate pump will be installed in the nursery to move the drainage. City Air will make ductwork modifications to what was not properly installed and there is now a new leaking coil. This should be done by the scheduled date of September 1st. City Air is also designing a new filter rack, which will make it much easier for John Brintnell to maintain. This also should be completed by the September 1st date. There will be no expense to Trinity for these repairs.

John questioned the possibility of dropping down the whole filter area to start over and Kris offered to investigate this option.

Kris reported the fire alarm/detection system electrical parts should be here soon and all the contracts are out so they will be ready to begin as soon as they are given the word from us. John stated an area is ready to store all these parts.

Approval of Agenda: Matt McMerty moved approval of the agenda with the addition of several more grant applications and one more item. Second by Kyle Gebhardt and carried.

Acceptance of Consent Agenda: Bob Baumann moved acceptance of the Consent Agenda. Second by Sue Kolling and carried.

Financial Report: Matt McMerty reported July revenues of \$56,866.45, expenses of \$60,858.48, leaving a balance of \$-3,992.03. Year-to-Date: revenues \$468,312.83, expenses \$450,231.25, balance \$18,081.58. Kyle Gebhardt moved that the Council received the financial report. Second by Bev Cross and carried.

Dwelling in the World: We discussed how Trinity is fulfilling the Bible verse we chose for this year: *And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.* (Hebrews 10:24-25) We are accomplishing this through: Worship (not neglecting to meet together); Christ-centered (good deeds through community service); and Internal Connections (building the body of Christ and encouraging one another).

Old Business:

Block Party: The block party/corn feed was held this past Sunday and was moved inside due to the weather. We feel it was attended by roughly 190-200 from the plate count. The various committees will be submitting reports for future reference. We feel it was a success and likely would have had more attendees if we'd been outside.

New Business:

Heating/Cooling System: Pastor Mark reported parts of the heating/cooling system aren't working, e.g., Pastor Martha's office is currently being cooled by a window air conditioner. This will be brought to the Property Committee for their deliberation and then back to the Council.

ProMusica: Pastor Mark noted that ProMusica is requesting that they be allowed to set up an information fair in the Community Center following the "Considering Matthew Shephard" concert being held in the Sanctuary on October 6th. The Council agreed by consensus.

Portico Update: Pastor Mark stated Portico is the ELCA's policy for medical, retirement, survivor benefits, etc. For budgetary purposes, the primary health contribution baseline rate is increasing 2.5% for 2024.

Trust Fund Grant Applications: Pastor Mark presented the following Trust Fund grant applications:

- Batting for the quilters [\$663.45];
- For Trinity to sponsor a week of the United Way backpack program [\$4000];
- 300 "Ground Up Grace" booklets to use for family devotions and to be distributed at the Christmas Eve worship services [\$2400].
- Rent for an additional hour of an inflatable at the vendor fair on September 30th and also promotional ads of the vendor fair on Facebook [\$275]; and
- Six replacement WELCOME flags and 3 pop-up signs [\$700].

Matt McMerty moved that the Council supports these Trust Fund grant applications. Second by Dean Natwick and carried.

Dream Center/Banquet: We discussed reactions we've received to the letter sent from The Dream Center (Jim Barnhardt) to Trinity on August 11, 2023 indicating their decision to sever ties with Trinity. A response letter will be sent to Jim Barnhardt with the congregation also receiving a copy of our response.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted,
Londa Rodahl, Secretary