

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

October 19, 2023 – 6:30 pm
Conference Room

Members present: Danette Welsh (President), Bob Baumann (via Zoom), Kyle Gebhardt, Sue Kolling, Matt McMerty, Dean Natwick, Colleen Peterson, Londa Rodahl, Denise Wetzel, and Pastor Mark Narum.

Members absent: Bev Cross and Barb Pfeifer.

Devotions were given by Bob Baumann.

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

Acceptance of Consent Agenda: Kyle Gebhardt moved acceptance of the Consent Agenda. Second by Colleen Peterson and carried.

Financial Report: Matt McMerty reported September revenues of \$62,114.31, expenses of \$71,038.52, leaving a balance of \$-8,924.21. Year-to-Date: revenues \$590,746.24, expenses \$584,206.59, balance \$6,539.65. Sue Kolling moved that the Council received the financial report. Second by Kyle Gebhardt and carried.

Dwelling in the World: We discussed an article recently printed in the Bismarck Tribune entitled “None’s Reshaping Religious Landscape” *Rise of Non-Religious Quickly Outpacing Major Faiths in U.S.* The article talked about the rise in those people who consider themselves “nones” and do not participate in any religion.

Old Business:

Capital Campaign Update and Budget: Pastor Mark referenced the Capital Campaign update for October 2023 before going through how the numbers were determined on the first draft of the 2024 budget. The Council was asked to look more closely at this draft prior to our November meeting.

ProMusica: Pastor Mark reported that probably about 250 attended the “Remembering Matthew Shepherd” concert by ProMusica here on October 6th. The music was phenomenal and he’s heard nothing but positive comments.

New Business:

Mental Health/Substance Abuse Task Force: The consensus of the Council was to add this task force to our monthly reports. (The Banquet report is no longer on our agenda.)

Special Christmas Offering: We discussed possibilities for this offering. Matt McMerty moved that we designate the Christmas offering to Foundational Faith here at Trinity in order to enhance our youth spaces and the costs associated with building the baptism faith chests. Second by Colleen Peterson and carried.

Structural Engineer Update: Pastor Mark reported a structural engineer came and didn’t see anything structurally wrong with the balcony window in the 1930s building. However, the front of the building needs the old caulking removed and to be regouted. At this time, he doesn’t see

anything too concerning. The engineer requires a \$1000 payment to prepare a written report of his findings and what work is needed. Kyle Gebhardt moved that we approve the \$1000 for a written report by the structural engineer. Second by Sue Kolling and carried. This motion passed with the understanding that this expense may cause the "General Maintenance" line item of the 2023 budget to exceed the \$6000 budgeted amount.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted,
Londa Rodahl, Secretary