

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

November 16, 2023 – 6:30 pm

Conference Room

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

Members absent: Bob Baumann and Dean Natwick.

Devotions were given by Sue Kolling.

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

Acceptance of Consent Agenda: Kyle Gebhardt moved acceptance of the Consent Agenda. Second by Sue Kolling and carried.

Financial Report: Matt McMerty reported October revenues of \$60,223.84, expenses of \$66,097.13, leaving a balance of \$-5,873.29. Year-to-Date: revenues \$650,970.08, expenses \$650,207.42, balance \$762.66. Colleen Peterson moved that the Council received the financial report. Second by Barb Pfeifer and carried.

Old Business:

Capital Campaign: Pastor Mark referenced the Capital Campaign notes from the committee's November 1, 2023 meeting. Current cash in the Capital Campaign reserve fund is \$274,000. The committee recommended that the Council approve to proceed with installation of the entire fire detection/alarm system after January 1st. Following discussion, Colleen Peterson moved that the Council approves of moving forward with the installation of the entire fire detection/alarm system after the first of the year and that should it be necessary to take out a loan, we will take it out of our own reserve accounts, not the bank. Second by Kyle Gebhardt and carried.

Budget: Pastor Mark explained the financial projections for November and December and the estimated revenues and expenses, which may leave us with a \$-2,720 balance for this year's budget. We reviewed the proposed 2024 budget and discussed options available to bring a balanced budget to the annual meeting. We will finalize the budget at the December meeting when we have actual November dollar amounts.

New Business:

Worship, Wednesday, December 27: We discussed whether to hold this service as there will be five services on Sunday, December 24th (three Christmas Eve services) and one on Monday, Christmas Day. Kyle Gebhardt moved that we don't have a December 27th service. Second by Bev Cross and carried.

Music Brainstorming Group: Pastor Mark informed us that Pastor Mary Lou Aune will be resigning her part-time position as Director of Worship & Music on February 15, 2024. It has been suggested that we put together a group of people to look at all that is needed for this position. Matt McMerty moved that we appoint Bob Baumann, Louine Ness, Scott Houser,

Amanda Samuelson, Klarissa Pudwill, and Brenda Hove to this brainstorming committee. Second by Sue Kolling and carried.

Council Retreat: Kyle Gebhardt explained how Council retreats were previously held and the possibility of having one following the 2024 annual meeting. This will allow Council members to get to know each other, possibly have a learning session and/or consider the direction of the Council for the next year. This could be a partial day on a Saturday in March/April and be on-site or off-site. Please let Kyle know if there are days that won't work for you.

Expenditure of Memorial Funds: Pastor Mark asked for permission to use \$1000 from the memorial funds to purchase a few new chairs for the front area and also to have the building blueprints professionally framed. These blueprints are currently laying on the old altar in Fellowship Hall. Sue Kolling moved the approval of these two expenditures. Second by Barb Pfeifer and carried.

Other:

Danette mentioned there are several committees that the Council will need to appoint members next year. If you have someone in mind for these committees or Council positions, please contact those people and ask if they're willing to be nominated. If they are willing, please give their name(s) to Troy Zander, chairman of the Nominating Committee. Pastor Mark also noted that if a Council member's term ends this year, you are able to be nominated for another 3-year term.

We discussed the plan for an appreciation potluck for the Trinity staff right before our December meeting. We also moved our meeting to Tuesday, December 19th.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted,
Londa Rodahl, Secretary