

**Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

January 18, 2024 – 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 and Pastor Martha HarriSon.

**Members absent:** Bob Baumann.

Devotions were given by Londa Rodahl.

**Approval of Agenda:** Matt McMerty moved approval of the agenda with the addition of two items. Second by Kyle Gebhardt and carried.

**Acceptance of Consent Agenda:** Matt McMerty moved acceptance of the Consent Agenda. Second by Sue Kolling and carried.

**Financial Report:** Matt McMerty reported December revenues of \$116,200.41, expenses of \$76,488.75, leaving a balance of \$39,711.66. Year-to-Date: revenues \$843,216.24, expenses \$798,809.32, balance \$44,406.92. Kyle Gebhardt moved that the Council received the financial report. Second by Bev Cross and carried.

**Old Business:**

*Special Assessments:* Pastor Mark reminded us that at our December meeting we voted to pay the special tax assessment of \$3,168.85 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot from the \$14,000 in interest we've received since switching banks.

The special tax assessment for the rest of the church property is \$29,900. With the generous income in December, we could also pay off this assessment, which would avoid us paying any interest. Colleen Peterson moved that we pay off the special tax assessment of \$29,900. Second by Kyle Gebhardt and carried.

*Budget:* Pastor Mark reported the proposed 2024 budget was adjusted after the December income and expenses and we now have a balanced budget. Matt McMerty moved to submit the revised 2024 budget to the annual meeting. Second by Kyle Gebhardt and carried.

*Worship & Music Director Position Task Force:* Pastor Mark distributed the proposed task force recommendations:

- That the position be restored to a 30-32 hours per week position; and
- That the task force's proposed job description be used.

Matt McMerty moved that we proceed with the task force recommendations and advertise the Worship & Music Director position. Second by Denise Wetzel and carried.

*Nominating Committee:* Pastor Mark reported there is a full slate of nominees for next year.

**New Business:**

*Ash Wednesday Soup/Workers:* A sign-up sheet was available for us to volunteer to make the soups on Tuesday and workers on Wednesday.

*Memorial Fund Request:* Pastor Mark asked for approval to use memorial funds of up to \$200 to purchase airpots to be used in the coffee serving areas. Kyle Gebhardt moved that we use the Memorial Fund to purchase airpots. Second by Sue Kolling and carried.

*Palm Sunday Breakfast:* The Council agreed we should again have a Palm Sunday breakfast. Colleen Peterson and Londa Rodahl offered to organize the breakfast.

*Grant Request:* A grant application request of \$744.39 was reviewed for “9 Square in the Air” to use at youth events. Matt McMerty moved that the Council supports this grant application. Second by Barb Pfeifer and carried.

*Pastor Mary Lou Aune’s Farewell:* We decided the farewell reception for Pastor Mary Lou will be held between the services on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Danette Welsh and Dean Natwick will coordinate this event.

*Easter Special Offering:* Several suggestions were offered and Kyle Gebhardt moved that we designate SOUL 57 as the recipient of the Easter special offering. Second by Denise Wetzel and carried. SOUL 57 is a fairly new agency that helps children who are experiencing the grief of losing a parent, sibling or primary caregiver.

*Property Committee:* Two vacancies need to be filled on the Property Committee. Matt McMerty moved that we approve of Eric Veidel and Scott Boehm to fill the Property Committee vacancies. Second by Sue Kolling and carried.

*Annual Meeting Agenda:* We approved the proposed annual meeting agenda.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted,  
Londa Rodahl, Secretary