

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

February 15, 2024 – 6:30 pm
Conference Room

Members present: Danette Welsh (President), 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 and Bev Cross.

Devotions were given by Colleen Peterson.

Approval of Agenda: Sue Kolling moved approval of the agenda with the addition of two items. Second by Colleen Peterson 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 January revenues of \$61,761.70, expenses of \$61,127.25, leaving a balance of \$634.45. Denise Wetzel moved that the Council received the financial report. Second by Dean Natwick and carried.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting 2024: Pastor Mark noted the annual reports became available last Sunday. Congregation members have the option to attend via Zoom; however, if no requests are made for the Zoom link by Thursday, February 22, that option won't be available for the meeting

Update on Worship & Music Director Position: Pastor Mark reported the interview team for this position includes: himself, Pastor Martha, Marlene Seaworth, Scott Houser and Kyle Gebhardt. They have received applications from two very qualified individuals and will be conducting those interviews this Saturday. Although the hours for the position were increased to 32/week, he questioned whether we could make this a full-time position and increase the salary. Savings resulting from recent personnel changes would cover the cost. The Council consensus was to approve such changes if it helps secure the Worship & Music Director.

New Business:

Appointment of Committee Members: Two new members are needed for the Worship & Music Committee and one to the Faith Formation Committee. Matt McMerty moved that Renae Hansen and Kirsten McIntrye be appointed to the Worship & Music Committee and JenaLee Narum to the Faith Formation Committee. Second by Sue Kolling and carried.

Trust Fund Requests: Pastor Mark explained the grant request for funds to update Trinity's computer server and router at a cost of \$1,905. Pastor Martha noted the \$300 grant request to help fund the meal for the Concordia Choir members and others when they perform here March 2nd. Kyle Gebhardt moved that the Council supports these two Trust Fund grant applications. Second by Dean Natwick and carried.

Visitation of Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry: Pastor Mark noted that Trinity members, Al and Linda Behrens, have traveled with the Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry and have asked

if a representative from this ministry could speak at a Sunday worship service(s) to tell us about this program. The Council consensus was to allow this speaker.

Lights in Fellowship Hall: Pastor Mark reported John Brintnell, facility manager, has been in contact with someone who can help us replace the Fellowship Hall lighting for much less than what was estimated at \$40,000. They will remove the ballasts and replace the four bulbs with two LEDs that will be much brighter and last longer. This would be at a cost of \$2,015. Denise Wetzel moved that we proceed with the installation of lights in Fellowship Hall. Second by Barb Pfeifer and carried.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted,
Londa Rodahl, Secretary