

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

March 21, 2024 – 6:30 PM

Conference Room

Members present: Kyle Gebhardt (President), Matt McMerty, Dean Natwick, Colleen Peterson, Barb Pfeifer, Denise Wetzel, Brady Pelton, Phil Murdoff, Mitch Becker, Julie Leer, and Pastor Mark Narum and Pastor Martha HarriSon.

Members absent: Bob Baumann

Devotions were given by Pastor Narum with communion in the sanctuary.

Discussion on thank you cards to be sent.

Approval of Agenda: Request made to add Trust Grants to New Business. Brady Pelton moved approval of the agenda with the additional items. The motion was seconded by Colleen Peterson. Motion carried.

First meeting with the new Council members, so introductions were made.

Acceptance of Consent Agenda: Matt McMerty moved acceptance of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Denise Wetzel. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Colleen Peterson declined to present a detailed Financial report due to not having received the reports in time to prepare. Pastor reported the set-up of a Fund for \$5000 was pending. Once the Reserve Fund (Deferred Maint) is established, the funding will be transferred into it. Brady Pelton moved that the Council accept the financial report. The motion was seconded by Matt McMerty. Motion carried.

Dwelling in the World: Pastor Mark shared a synopsis of 'The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry' by John Mark Comer. In the book, Comer discusses how hurry is affecting people's lives, relationships, and faith connection with God. Council discussed how they see this playing out in their lives.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting 2024: The meeting went well. Council discussed ways to ensure people who are speaking can be heard by all, as well as ways to increase attendance and the possibility to bifurcate the annual meeting to allow more than one informational meeting (one on a Sunday and one on a Wednesday) and follow that with a single meeting that would cover Financial, Budget, and Election business.

Update on Worship & Music Director Position: The lack of success in finding a candidate who will be a good fit for what Trinity needs has resulted in the decision to identify worship coordinators for each service. Scott Houser has agreed to assume that responsibility for the 8:30 service. Marlene Seaworth and Brenda Hovey will share that responsibility for the 10:30 service. Plans are pending for the Wednesday evening service. Discussion on what Wednesday worship in the summer should entail.

Lights in Fellowship Hall: Installation of lights in the Fellowship Hall, Kitchen in Luther Hall, and Quilters Room is completed. Cost of bulb disposal is \$1 per bulb. Working on ballast disposal – looking at a cost of \$5 per pound; each ballast weighs about 2.5 pounds.

Council Retreat Date: April 13,2024, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New Business:

Fire Detection project: working with Ben from Frontier.

Phase 1 installation of new panel and sensors is complete. The panel and sensors have passed inspection.

Phase 2 can be done without the Fire Department.

Phase 3 will include work downstairs.

The bathrooms under the community center have been gutted. The approved plans included alarms for those bathrooms, but given the status of those bathrooms, we have the option of swapping those alarms for UV lights and horns in the sanctuary.

Trust Fund Requests:

1. Non-property requests: Pastor Mark explained the grant request for mugs, and for managed IT services to monitor and maintain Trinity's new computer systems. Colleen Peterson moved that the Council support these Trust Fund grant applications. The motion was seconded by Julie Leer. Motion carried.
2. Property requests:
 - a. Repointing the 1931 building: \$14,900 from Contingency Fund; \$7000 from General Budget – Structural Maintenance Fund
 - b. Condensate Drain Pan regrade in the Milk Room: \$1475 from Restricted Building Maintenance Fund.
 - c. Carpeting replaced in the narthex and on the altar steps: \$20,700 from trust (\$6500 for Sanctuary steps and \$14,200 for Narthex).
 - d. Crack seal/seal 4th Street Parking Lot: \$2300 from Trust; \$4000 from Parking lot reserve fund.

Phil Murdoff moved that the Council support these Property requests. The motion was seconded by Colleen Peterson. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments:

The following Council members will continue on the committees to which they were assigned prior to elections:

Worship, Music & Arts: Bob Baumann

Faith Formation: Barb Pfeifer

Mental Health/Substance Abuse: Dean Natwick

Stewardship: Denise Wetzel

The new assignments are:

Community Builders (formerly Small Groups and Fellowship): Brady Pelton and Phil Murdoff will share this assignment

Property: Mitch Becker

Devotion assignments:

Devotions for the coming months will be as follows:

April – Kyle Gebhardt

May – Colleen Peterson

June – Dean Natwick

July – Denise Wetzel

August – Julie Leer

September – Matt McMerty
October – Brady Pelton
November – Mitch Becker
December – Phil Murdoff
January – Barb Pfeifer
February – Bob Baumann
March – Pastor Mark

IRS Housing allowance: The Pastors submitted housing vouchers for 2023. Brady Pelton moved to approve the Allowances. The motion was seconded by Colleen Peterson. Motion carried.

Palm Sunday breakfast sign-up sheet was passed around.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted,
Julie Leer, Secretary