

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

June 20, 2024 – 6:30 PM

Conference Room

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

Members absent: Brady Pelton, Colleen Peterson,
Devotions were given by Dean Natwick.

Approval of Agenda: Julie Leer moved approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Barb Pfeifer. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Consent Agenda: It was noted that the minutes being approved were for May. Matt McMerty moved acceptance of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Denise Wetzel. Motion carried.

Financial Report: In Colleen Peterson's absence, Julie Leer reviewed the Financial report. See Attachment 1. Matt McMerty moved that the Council accept the financial report. The motion was seconded by Dean Natwick. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Fire Detection and Capital Campaign updates:

- Final inspection scheduled for the Fire Detection System on June 24th. Discussed the need to tie the elevator into the fire detection system. About 2/3 of the system is paid for and there is approximately \$70,000-\$80,000 in outstanding pledges.
- Still waiting for a bid on sanctuary lighting.

Update on Worship & Music Director Position: An individual has been hired for an average of 25 hours per week. Will have an office prepared at the end of the hall.

New Business:

Insurance: Our property insurance carrier is canceling our policy. Initial inquiries into new coverage suggest we can expect our insurance premiums to at least double (currently \$12,500). Pastor Mark has initiated efforts to identify options for insurance. It was moved by Matt McMerty and seconded by Mitch Becker that a task force be created to vet any proposals received. The task members are Tim Herman, Pastor Lee Herberg, Phil Murdoff, and Julie Leer.

Tuck pointing:

- Initial scope of the project has been completed. The repairs were a little more extensive than originally identified. To cover that cost, it was moved by Julie Leer and seconded by Matt McMerty that \$500 be used from the Interest Earned Account to pay the additional cost. The motion carried.
- As gaps continue to develop, additional areas of concern have been identified on the 1930's building.
- Our ability to get insurance will be aided by the repairs Trinity has been making in recent years.

Trust Fund Requests:

1. Popcorn Machine - \$400 grant request.

2. Bible Camp Camperships - \$3000 for Camp of the Cross. Trinity pays ½ the cost. Denise Wetzel moved that the Council support these requests. The motion was seconded by Barb Pfeifer. Motion carried.

Dwelling in the World: Council discussed Goal Setting and Action Planning based on the ideas presented during the Council's spring retreat .

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:58 p.m.

Submitted,
Julie Leer, Secretary