

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

September 19, 2024 – 6:30 PM

Conference Room

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

Members absent: Bob Baumann, Julie Leer, Brady Pelton, Barb Pfeifer

Devotions were given by Matt McMerty.

Approval of Agenda: Matt McMerty moved approval of the updated agenda. The motion was seconded by Denise Wetzel. Motion carried.

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

Financial Report: Colleen Peterson gave a Financial report. Phil Murdoff moved that the Council accept the financial report. The motion was seconded by Matt McMerty. Motion carried.

Dwelling in the World: Council discussed “Welcoming” and “the Stranger”. How can we be more welcoming. Council also discussed how we felt when we were an outsider to center our conversation on how we can welcome those that join us at Trinity.

Old Business:

Financial Director Position – Chelsa Kinsella accepted the position and has begun orientation.

Insurance: Property insurance proposals have been received from Lutheran Trust and Starion (representing Acuity). Decision was made on insurance company and first bill will hit in the 2nd week of September. Discussed the concerns Guide One raised relative to how the kitchen is used and maintained.

New Business:

Mission Committee – Pastor Martha

-group that will meet quarterly made up of 6 people on a 3 year term rotation

-to aide Martha in discerning the various ideas that are being brought forward to best serve our community and our church and to prioritize activities.

Healthcare Selection for Pastors –

-Request for Gold+ Level – BCBS of Minnesota.

-Motion to maintain Gold+ Level made by Matt McMerty, Second by Mitch Becker.

October 30th- Council agreed to organize and host an all congregation meal prior to service and activities after service – Phil Murdoff agreed to be a part of the committee, others interested, idea to host a mini-Halloween party for all.

Trust Fund Requests:

1. Pastor request - Funds to provide resources and experience for faith formation in individuals and families in our congregation - \$300 for Pastor John Stevens' visit, \$150 to provide small catechisms for families and individuals, \$1050 to provide advent devotionals written by Pastor John Stevens to families and individuals.
2. Gracia Johnson and Pastor request - Purchase tools of faith for families to use at home for youth, children and families to grow in faith - \$219.42

Denise Wetzel moved that the Council support these requests. The motion was seconded by Dean Natwick. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:42 p.m.

Next meeting will be October 15, 2024.

Submitted,
Colleen Peterson, 2nd Vice President