

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

January 16, 2025 – 6:30 PM

Conference Room

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

Members absent: Dean Natwick, Brady Pelton

President Gebhardt called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Devotions were given by Barb Pfeifer.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by Matt McMerty and seconded by Mitch Becker to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Consent Agenda: It was moved by Matt McMerty and seconded by Julie Leer to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Colleen Peterson and Pastor Mark presented an informal financial report, as financials were still being reviewed and finalized. It was moved by Phil Murdoff and seconded by Matt McMerty to approve the financial report presented. Motion carried.

Old Business:

New Fellowship Hall Chairs: We have seen a positive response in offerings designated toward the purchase of the chairs; more than 200 chairs have been paid through gifts designated for that purpose.

Fire Suppression / Kitchen update: There have been discussions with the City regarding compliance with Fire and Building codes. Those conversations are ongoing, and Council discussed possible contingency plans depending upon the outcome of those conversations.

Budget:

Council received Budget documents for 2024 and 2025. It was moved by Matt McMerty and seconded by Colleen Peterson to accept the 2025 budget as proposed. Motion carried.

Council discussed the year end balance: \$12,021. It was moved by Matt McMerty and seconded by Denise Wetzel that the year end balance of \$12,021 be moved into the deferred maintenance fund. Motion carried.

Church Credit Cards:

Pastor Mark indicated that the church will be canceling one of the credit cards used by staff. To do that, Trinity needed to identify authorized agents to access the online account for that card. It was moved by Julie Leer and seconded by Barb Pfeifer that Mark Narum and Gracia Johnson be designated as authorized agents for that card. Motion carried.

New cards have been applied for through the bank that will assign each user a unique card ID; users will have different credit limits based on anticipated need.

New Business:

Pastor Martha out of office: Pastor Martha informed council that she will be out of the office for two weeks beginning on February 17th.

Lenten Meals: Council will be cooking and serving the Wednesday Lenten meal on March 26, 2025.

Nominating Committee: Council received an update from the nominating committee who was well on the way to identifying candidates for each opening.

Trust Requests: The Mental Health and Substance Abuse task force has requested funding for its upcoming activities. It was moved by Julie Leer and seconded by Bob Baumann to approve this request. Motion carried.

Benevolence Funds:

Missouri Slope Care Center has requested assistance from Trinity in raising \$5000 to complete work on their chapel. It was moved by Matt McMerty and seconded by Julie Leer that Trinity's Easter offering go towards meeting that request. Motion carried.

Council has also been asked to consider how we might support the MSCC Chaplaincy program.

Palm Sunday: Palm Sunday is April 13th. Community Builders/Faith Formation will be serving breakfast between the 8:30 and 10:30 services. We are anticipating there will be an Easter egg hunt after the 10:30 service.

Annual meeting: The annual meeting will be the last Sunday in February: February 23rd.

Devotions next month: Bob Baumann

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be February 20, 2025.

Submitted,
Julie Leer, Secretary