

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

February 20, 2025 – 6:30 PM

Conference Room

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

Members absent: Pastor Martha HarriSon

President Gebhardt called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Devotions were given by Denise Wetzel.

Approval of Agenda: Added discussion item on Palm Sunday breakfast to New Business. It was moved by Matt McMerty and seconded by Mitch Becker to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

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

Financial Report: Colleen Peterson presented the Financial Report. See Attachment A. It was moved by Mitch Becker and seconded by Phil Murdoff to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Council recessed while the Trust and Property Committees joined the meeting. President Gebhardt called the meeting back to order at 7:05 p.m.

Fire Suppression / Kitchen update:

Pastor Mark provided the group with updated details on the repairs and upgrades needed based on conversations with the Fire Marshall and the Building Inspector, and based on expectations from Trinity's insurer, Guide One, to satisfy requirements for insurance coverage. Council discussed the various funding sources that could be used within the Trinity treasury for these types of expenditures.

It was moved by Julie Leer, seconded by Denise Wetzel to proceed with the fire suppression updates and repairs identified during the course of the conversations with the Fire Marshall, Building Inspector, and Guide One, to be paid out of the identified sources. Motion carried.

Council appreciates the congregational members and staff involved in the many conversations, follow-up, and tours conducted to identify the best course of action to satisfy insurance requirements and remain within the City Fire and Building codes. We couldn't have done this without their contributions!

The Trust and Property Committee members left the meeting. Council thanks them for taking the time to join us for this important discussion.

Annual Meeting:

Council discussed the status of the Capital Campaigns and noted that the only project left is the lighting project identified as part of the first Capital Campaign. It is with tremendous gratitude to the commitment of the congregation that the money from the Capital Campaign along with the

receipt of the remaining outstanding pledges are expected to cover the cost of the lighting project!

Sign up to work Lenten meal:

Council will be preparing and serving the Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 25th. Council identified a menu and members volunteered to assist with preparation and clean-up.

New Business:

Installation of electrical panels: It was moved by Julie Leer, seconded by Mitch Becker to proceed with the project to update the electrical panels through the use of the strategic maintenance and restricted building maintenance funds. Motion carried.

Consolidation of restricted accounts: Pastor Mark presented information on a number of accounts within the Trinity treasury that could be consolidated. It was moved by Colleen Peterson and seconded by Matt McMerty to consolidate the identified accounts. Motion carried.

Committee Appointments:

Property Committee: It was moved by Colleen Peterson and seconded by Brady Pelton, to approve the appointment of Russ Meckle to the Property Committee. Motion carried.

Mission Committee (new committee): It was moved by Denise Wetzel and seconded by Colleen Peterson, to approve the appointment of Linn Zander, Val Kirl, Cindi Offerman, Missy Kopp, and Isak Johnson to the Mission Committee. Motion carried.

It was moved by Julie Leer and seconded by Brady Pelton that appointments be approved to the following committees:

Community Builders: Marijke Leibel, Dawn Gienger, and Barb Reister.

Worship and Music: Marcie Guenther, Julie Christiansen

Faith Formation: Erin Becker, Kortney Fettig, Tara Wegge

Motion carried.

New Chair Fund: Due to the tremendous congregational response to the request for financial assistance to purchase new folding chairs, there are sufficient funds to allow for the purchase of some new eight-foot tables. It was moved by Matt McMerty and seconded by Denise Wetzel to purchase five eight-foot tables. Motion carried.

Piano Dolly and Portable Microphone: Pastor Mark presented a request for the purchase of a piano dolly and portable microphone for the sanctuary. It was moved by Mitch Becker and seconded by Denise Wetzel to approve the requested purchase. Motion carried.

Trust Requests: Pastor Mark explained the Trust Requests presented to Council. It was moved by Brady Pelton and seconded by Mitch Becker to approved the requests. Motion carried.

Palm Sunday Breakfast: Palm Sunday is April 13th. Colleen Peterson reported that she and her family will be unable to assist with preparing the breakfast as they have done for several years. She said there are notes with the specific items traditionally prepared and amounts for each. Council will work to identify others who can assist in the Petersons' absence.

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

The next meeting will be March 20, 2025. Devotions next month: Pastor Mark

Thank you to President Kyle Gebhardt and Council member Brady Pelton for your service on the Trinity Lutheran Church Council!

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted,
Julie Leer, Secretary