

**Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 9, 2020 – 7 p.m.**

**DEVOTIONS – Pastor Fred**

**I. Call to Order & Devotion – 7 pm**

- A. Council Roster: Present- Kevin Seidel, Sharon Matschke, Scott Miller, Pastor Fred, Mabel Roy, Kim Kleindienst, Erin DeKorte, Ken Kindberg, Gary Tarantino, Key Darrow, John Sienkiewicz, Bev Dominkowitz, Susanne Capps, Russ Pullis. Absent- Darlene Wawroski

**II. Reports / Action Taken from Executive Team**

- A. Dates for approval/submission- None

**III. Reports for Approval**

- A. Minutes from February 2020 Council Meeting- Meeting minutes were approved by council
- B. Financial Reports from February 2020
  - 1. Financial Secretary- to date this month 116% of pledges were received.
  - 2. Treasurer- February income was \$4,000 below the projected income however YTD we are \$4,800 above projected income as a result of the large one 1X pledge amount in January received. February expenses were slightly below the budgeted amount but YTD we are \$2,200 below the budgeted amount spent. February general receipts received \$18,524.50, disbursements \$ 25,988.60 with difference \$ 7, 464.10. Actual YTD receipts \$49861.50, disbursements \$49,055.93 with difference \$1805.57. Budgeted YTD receipts \$45,084.00 disbursements \$50,254 with difference \$5,170. Motion was passed by council to accept the Financial reports
- C. Parish Nurse Report- Lynn requested a 3 month (March, April, June) medical leave of absence and council approved to continue paying her during her requested leave.
- D. Pastor Report- Follow up from last month's workshop. Reporting out the 3 groups: #1 group -Gary, Key, Russ & Kevin: looking at having ESL classes. Options discussed having ESL workshops targeted health care workers, restaurant personnel, general workers. Scott Miller reported that Dover School District is expanding their adult ESL classes. # 2 group – Susanne, Sharon & Darlene goal to bring congregations together. We are partnering with Fellowship team October potluck dinner by inviting other Lutheran congregations and neighboring churches to attend. #3 group -Mabel, Kim Erin & Key- Emotional Support group. Group discussed bringing an AA meeting here at TLC and hosting a yoga class at TLC. These items are TBD for now.

**IV. Items for Discussion/ New Business**

- A. Re-allocate the 2020 Thrivent Choice Action Sending money- Motion passed by council to send \$1,200 to missionaries in Namibia
- B. Saturday Faith Kitchen assignments for Q 2 2020- Council ok with receiving their Saturday assignments quarterly.
- C. Follow ups from February 2020 workshop- Covered in Pastor Report

**V. Reports and Updates**

- A. Thank You Notes- Notes sent to Jill Ryan was taking over the head of Altar Guild; Katie S. & Judy M. was making paraments for the altar; Worship & Music team for gathering input from congregation on 1 service time. Report was that everyone likes the 1 service at 9:30 AM
- B. Reports and Updates
  - 1. Generosity Update- There will be a VANCO (automatic banking system) sign up on 3/22. Suzanne Jackson is leading this.
  - 2. Property Report – Gary T. reported that he received a bid from vendor (Somerset Media Group) to address the church system issues. Council approved to go ahead with this vendor in 3 phases (Sound processing system, speakers, microphone). This work will be funded by the Capital Improvement budget. Pressure washing of building- Vendors contacted refused to do this as we didn't have an outside water faucet. Waiting to hear back from another vendor that has their own water source. Alleyway fix- Scouts to assist with spreading of gravel in the alleyway to spruce this area up. Project description TBD with the cost of gravel will come from Thrivent spending. There were gas leaks in the boiler that were addressed. The Bald Eagles will install a CO detector. Landscape- A spring clean- up date of 5/16 was discussed for outside church. A beautification committee will be formed. The Jackson's will be notified to be involved.
  - 3. Health Cabinet- No report
  - 4. Worship & Music – Consensus from congregation to stay with the 9:30 AM service
  - 5. Education Committee – Bible study is happening with approximately 5 to 6 people attending

6. Justice League
  - a. RIC- NJAS Aids Walk on 5/3 at Central Park of Morris County; Faith, Hope & Love group building safer and more welcoming congregations is hosting an event on 3/21 at St. Paul's Church in Hainesport NJ (9-3 PM). Flying the Gay Pride Flag during Gay Pride month (May) will be discussed during the April council meeting.
  - b. Immigration Reform- On 3/22 during service there will be asked to donate \$ to the 1<sup>st</sup> Friends of NY & NJ who service people in the Elizabeth Detention Center.
7. Fellowship- The event list was listed in the March newsletter. Easter Breakfast is on Sunday 4/21
8. Societal Ministry
  - a. Living 4 Giving- No report
  - b. Faith Kitchen Report- Discussion on Faith Kitchen continued and expanding their cleaning this area for the clients and people who work in the kitchen.
  - c. Edna's Haven Report- Key reported that this group is interested in having a Narcam event here at TLC. Council is interested and Key will get more details. There was an ask for used musical instruments for clients. Funding probably to come from a Thrivent Action Team but more details to come. The director, Sean, will be instructed to clean the tables, doorknobs, railings after his clients leave each night.
  - d. Senior Ministry- Having the Sr. Bingo night at the Dover Senior Center is still TBD.
9. Congregational Care- No report

- VI. Pastoral Concerns
- VII. Additional Business
- VIII. Correspondence
- IX. Closing Prayers
- X. Adjournment

**Next Executive Team: Meeting: Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> after 9:30 AM service**  
**Next Council Meeting: Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**