

Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation Council meeting minutes
Monday, May 11, 2020 – 7 p.m.

DEVOTIONS – Pastor Fred

I. Call to Order & Devotion – 7 pm

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

II. Reports for Approval

- A. Minutes from April 2020 Council Meeting-minutes were approved by all council members
- B. Financial Reports from April 2020
 - 1. Financial Secretary- YTD giving is at 139% due to prepayment of pledge. A request was made to finance team to investigate how to better report “prepayment” of members giving so that financial reports reflect actual revenue and expenses more clearly
 - 2. Treasurer- Income from April was \$22,071 which is \$2750 less than projected but it is about normal amount we receive each month. Income lower partly due to the Easter offering as a result of a virtual service and no guests. Expenses were \$1400 less than budgeted. Lower expenses are a result of no office expenses, low building expenses and low committee expenses. April disbursements were \$21,324.83 with difference of \$746.97. Actual YTD- General Receipts \$94,536.30, Disbursements of \$95,213.46 with deficit of \$677.16. This is better than projected deficit of \$4981.00. Church received the government loan (Federal CARES Act) a Covid -19 economic stimulus program that assists organizations in maintaining employees on payroll of \$39,457. These funds will be put into the payroll account. The Financial Reports were approved by all council members
- C. Pastor Report/ Concerns- Pastor Fred discussed upgrading our current Zoom service an additional \$50.00 per month for additional added features (chat room feature to help facilitate improved after service socialization like a virtual coffee hour). Motion was passed by all council members to activate this service as needed. Discussion was had if having prerecorded music instead of live music being played during Sunday service has a better sound quality. The prerecorded music would be uploaded onto U Tube and then played during the service. More discussion on this will follow. Discussion on how to facilitate a campaign on Facebook on how to increase donation to TLC and food pantry. John S. will investigate the giving button on the church website. TLC received \$1,000 for use for the Food Pantry. \$2,400 will be sent to the Synod for Mission Support. Declined to move forward with a proposal to replace our current copier with new leased equipment. Discussion was had about having a “walk up” eucharist event after service on Pentecost Sunday. This was declined by council due to safety concerns with the idea of waiting till we can worship together to receive communion.
- D. Nurse’s Report- Council accepted the reports submitted.

III. Status Report on Church operations and Ministries

- A. Church
- B. Faith Kitchen- Acknowledged Bruce Kleindienst service on the Faith Kitchen Board prior to his recent resignation. A search to replace a Trinity member on the board has commence. An official description of the job duties will be created and circulated.
- C. Food Pantry- Continuing distribution of food at the door.
- D. Church Staffing
- E. Update on ministries- A discussion was had on how to increase more communication within all the church ministries utilizing the Zoom technology. Mabel Roy will send to Kevin all the email addresses of Food Pantry volunteers to set up a Zoom meeting for this group.
 - 1. Living For Giving- no report
 - 2. Worship & Music-This team proposed to move forward with Phase Two of the upgrades to the sanctuary’s audio equipment and add a 3rd phase that will include video technology to allow for live web streaming. This will be funded by the Jackie Delaney Fund that was previously designated for new ministry efforts. The entire project including the previously approved Phase One will cost approximately \$17,000. This will allow for improved live broadcasting of worship as we continue in the post Covid-19 mode of worship. Council approved of this expenditure of \$11,500 for this project.
 - 3. Education-no report

4. Congregation Care – Team charged council members to continue their connections with their committees through virtual meetings and fellowship. This team will also look to expand congregational fellowship with various Zoom meeting ideas: Happy Hours, Dinners, Bible Study, etc.

IV. Reports and Updates

- A. What do we need to address for “return to normal church service” - Team is looking into ways how church service/ sanctuary will need to be modified when we are allowed to worship together.

- V. New Business** – Joan Frick Fruit for Greystone Fund- Received a proposal from church member to create the Joan Frick Fruit For Greystone Ministry. Joan lead this ministry for nearly 40 years to collect funds to bring fresh fruit to the residents of Greystone Psychiatric Hospital. This was unanimously approved by council. With the approval of Ralph Frick, undesignated memorial gifts will be directed towards this ministry.

VI. Correspondence - none received

VII. Closing Prayers

VIII. Adjournment

Faith Kitchen Saturday volunteer assignments for June 2020:
6/6- Darleen W.; 6/13- Suzanne C.; 6/20- Key D.; 6/27- Erin D.

Next Executive Team: Meeting: Monday June 1, 2020 @ 7 PM

Next Council Meeting: Monday June 8, 2020 @ 7:00 PM