

Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation Council Minutes
Monday, January 13, 2020 – 7 p.m.

DEVOTIONS – Pastor Fred

I. Call to Order & Devotion – 7 pm

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

II. Reports / Action Taken from Executive Team

- A. Dates for approval/submission- None submitted

III. Reports for Approval

- A. Minutes from December 2019 Council Meeting- Minutes were accepted as submitted
- B. Financial Reports from December
1. Financial Secretary: December 2019- month to date pledge vs expense 104%, 2019 Year to date pledge vs. expense 104%
 2. Treasurer: Ended the year very well. December income was \$34,066 verses projected income of \$26,038. Expenses were \$26,489 vs budgeted amount of \$30,204 for 2019. We ended 2019 with only a \$650 deficit. Reason: annual income was \$576 over projected and spent \$13,823 less than budgeted. Due to lower flood insurance and House of Worship insurances.
 3. Motion passed by council to move Capital Campaign money back to Capital Improvement line item. Keeping the Capital Campaign line item active to accept continuing donations from congregation pledges.
- C. Parish Nurse Report- report was accepted by council. Council asked for names of people Lynn visits to be included in her report when appropriate.
- D. Pastor Report- Pastor will send his monthly report prior to council meeting so everyone can review prior to meeting. Pastor will include names of people he visits in his monthly when appropriate. Pastor will reach out to Jill Ryan to see if she's interested in attending the 3/21 synod event "Faith Hope Love" (encouraging kids who identify LGBTQ to connect with Christ) event.

IV. Items for Discussion/ New Business

- A. Welcoming new council members, Darlene Wawroski, Ken Kindberg & Mabel Roy- reviewed Council responsibilities; Faith Kitchen responsibilities & De-escalation techniques
- B. Decide on 2020 Thrivent Choice Action spending: Council passed giving the Trogzo's \$1,200 and the balance to go to the NJ Synod- council will decide later where to designate these choice dollars to go the synod
- C. Confirming council appointments on various church committees: 2020 council appointments are: Generosity: Sharon M; Property: Gary T. & Key D.; Health Cabinet: Darlene W.; Worship & Music: Ken K.; Education Committee: Russ P.; Fellowship: Mabel R.; Living 4 Giving: Kim K. & Erin D.; Sr. Ministry: Scott M.; Congregational Care: Sharon M. & Kim K.
- D. Discuss monthly council meeting schedule-Discussed changing meeting day but it was decided to keep it on Monday with the Workshop meeting happening 1 x a quarter.
- E. Form a constitutional committee- Kevin discussed this committee and left it open for council members to contact him directly if interested in joining this committee.
- F. Approve room use for LGBTQ NA group- Council approved this group utilizing the PLC for every Friday night. Group will pay for the room use at a rate of \$70 per month. This money will go into the operating fund in the budget

V. Reports and Updates

- A. Thank You Notes: Notes will be sent to Sheri S., Jacksons & Judi Miller for all their help in decorating the sanctuary for Christmas
- B. Reports and Updates
1. Generosity Update- Team will meet on 1/21 to debrief on the Fall Campaign and annual meeting setup
 2. Property Report: Gary T. reported there was maintenance on the boilers, but problems persist. Church sound system is an ongoing issue. Gary will look at existing bids we have and have a technician come & look at the system.
 3. Health Cabinet: No report
 4. Worship & Music: Committee will address current worship schedule at their meeting in January; Kevin S. asked council members their feedback on the current schedule. Kevin will go back to W & M team with council feedback. Ash Wednesday is 2/26
 5. Education Committee: No report

6. Justice League
 - a. RIC: On Sunday 1/26 there will be shown a movie (Rebecca) after service with refreshments
 - b. Immigration Reform
7. Fellowship: No report
8. Societal Ministry
 - a. Living 4 Giving: Again, sponsoring Soup drive aligning with Super Bowl; going to ask for donations of toiletries for the food party
 - b. Faith Kitchen Report- Google document will be completed for the entire 2020 Saturday assignments. Will distribute to all council members & Kathy when completed. Ask was made by Joanne that when cooking in kitchen use the exhaust fan. Weekly cleaning of the PLC floors happens on Wednesday. Kathy will contact the vendor to see if they can change to Friday to ensure floors are clean for Saturday Faith Kitchen and group using the room on Friday nights. Contact was signed by Joanne on behalf of the Faith Kitchen.
 - c. Edna's Haven Report
 - d. Senior Ministry- The Epiphany Party was held on 1/5 with new refreshments served. Approximately 35 guests attended this event.
9. Congregational Care
 - a. Card Ministry: Sharon M. reported that she purchased the cards & stamps and distributed to the volunteers to distribute. Charlene Rollins is assisting coordinating the Get Well – Thinking of You cards with the volunteers.

VI. Pastoral Concerns- None

VII. Additional Business -Send to current Police Chief of Dover the TLC policy of Law enforcement entering the building.

VIII. Correspondence- None

IX. Closing Prayers

X. Adjournment

Next Executive Team: Meeting: Sunday 1/26/20 @ 10:45 AM (after service)

Next Council Meeting: Monday 2/10/20 @ 7:00 PM