

Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 11th, 2019 – 7 p.m.

DEVOTIONS – Key Darrow

REFRESHMENTS – Kevin Seidel

I. Call to Order & Devotion – 7 pm

- A. Council Roster: Present- Kevin Seidel, Sharon Matschke, Pastor Fred, Key Darrow, Sandy Sheridan, Suzanne Capps, Maira Roger, Gary Tarantino, Russ Pullis, John Sienkiewicz, Erin DeKorte, Kim Kleindienst, Eileen Schultz: Absent- Scott Miller, Sandy Knowle, Bev Dominkowitz

II. Reports/ Action Taken from Executive Team

- A. Dates for approval/submission
 - 1. TLC office closed on Friday 11/29; Thursday 12/26 & Friday 12/27

III. Reports for Approval

- A. Minutes from October 2019 Council Meeting- Were approved by Council
- B. Financial Reports
 - 1. Financial Secretary-October expenses vs pledge is 106%
 - 2. Treasurer-- October income was \$22,647 expenses \$24,42 with a deficit of \$1,778- YTD less than project of \$7,368 vs \$10,032
 - 3. Accept the 2020 Budget- The budget was discussed and accepted by Council
- C. Parish Nurse Report- report was accepted
- D. Pastor Report- report was accepted

IV. Items for Discussion/ New Business

- A. Nomination Committee Report- Proposed new council members: Darlene Wawroski for 1st Term and Kevin Seidel for 2nd Term. These nominations were approved by Council. Outgoing Council Members: Maira Rogers, Sandy Sheridan, Eileen Schultz & Sandy Knowle.
- B. Thanksgiving Plan- Scott & Sharon on finalizing the plan and put-up sign-up sheets in church for members to donate food and help during the event
- C. Council decided that funding for Trinity's monthly lunch will come from Local Hunger fund instead of asking for funds during church service.
- D. Council reviewed draft policy & procedures of Law Enforcement access to TLC church property. Team is doing more revisions and bring back to a future council meeting for final approval.
- E. Council reviewed opening and closing procedures for church. Copies of these procedures will be housed in room 101 for people to access when needed.

V. Reports and Updates

- A. Thank You Notes- to be sent to Sandy Dean (Alternative Gift Fair); Bald Eagles (for their continued assistance); Kathy MacFarlane (organizing trip to Papermill Playhouse)
- B. Reports and Updates
 - 1. Generosity Update- gave update to council on makeup for Annual Meeting on 12/8
 - 2. Property Report- Erin DeKorte / Micah volunteered to go under the new section of the church to check insulation & pipes in this area.
 - 3. Health Cabinet – No report
 - 4. Worship & Music – No report
 - 5. Education Committee – No report
 - 6. Justice League- The group NJ AS “Edge Pride” will be utilizing TLC on World Aids Day on 12/2 @ 7 PM. All are welcomed to attend
 - a. RIC
 - b. Social Justice- Group is changing their name to Immigration Reform. A training session by 1st Friends (date is TBD) to train members for visiting immigrants in detention centers. Council approved to have the training at TLC.
 - 7. Fellowship – No report
 - 8. Societal Ministry
 - a. Living 4 Giving – Alternative Gift Fair is on Sunday 11/17 after service
 - b. Faith Kitchen Report – Kevin asked council members to sign up for open Saturday's in Fair Kitchen; Licensing Agreement is still under review
 - c. Edna's Haven Report – The Licensing Agreement is awaiting signature
 - d. Senior Ministry- The recent Tricky Tray at Sr. Building was a success
 - 9. Congregational Care-Lorraine Bollman wants to initiate sending monthly cards to the College Kids. She is managing this. Sharon Matschke will re-organize the monthly birthday cards asking for volunteers to do this again this year.

VI. Pastoral Concerns

VII. Additional Business

VIII. Correspondence

IX. Closing Prayers

X. Adjournment

Next Executive Team: Meeting: Monday November 25th @ 7:00 at TLC

Next Council Meeting: Monday December 9th @ 7:00 PM

DEVOTIONS for December 2019 – Kevin Seidel

REFRESHMENTS @ Council Meeting- Council agreed to forgo having refreshments at future council meetings.