

**Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation Council Minutes**  
**Monday, October 14, 2019 – 7 p.m.**

**DEVOTIONS – Russ Pullis**  
**REFRESHMENTS – None**

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

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

**II. Items Discussed and Approved:**

- Approved September Financial reports: income under projections despite September being a 5 Sunday month and return from “summer breaks”. Expenses under budget nearly \$10k YTD
- Approved various dates including; holiday worship schedule, Alternative Gift Fair and building use request from the NJ Pride organization.
- The annual meeting of the congregation will be December 8<sup>th</sup> following 930am worship.
- Received a report from the nominating committee on the search for council nominees. Response has been less than enthusiastic. Efforts are continuing in preparation for the December elections.
- Accepted actions taken by the executive team to purchase new janitor supplies and equipment.
- Created a task force to lead Trinity’s hosting of Thanksgiving Faith Kitchen. Scott Miller, Sharon Matschke, Maira Rogers and Suzanne Capps will coordinate the effort. Task force will evaluate Trinity’s long-term viability to continuing hosting Thanksgiving Dinner based on congregational interest and participation in this year’s holiday.
- Council members were reminded of their Faith Kitchen duty responsibilities and the signup sheet was circulated
- Received the 2020 Draft Budget from the finance team. Final review will take place at the November meeting for approval by the congregation at the December annual meeting.
- Approved plan to wax the floors in the PLC and Faith Kitchen at least twice a year. Expense will be included in 2020 budget. Approved for waxing to be completed in November of this year.
- The Sunday morning council “opening assignments” were reviewed and adjusted based on the new worship and Topics in Faith schedules.
- Received and approved with slight revisions the report of the membership committee. A total of 17 people (adults and children) will be removed from the membership roll. 6 people (adults and children) were added to the membership roll.
- Received an update regarding Faith Kitchen and Edna’s Haven’s Licensing Agreements. Edna’s Haven agreement is in the hands of Mental Health Association for signature and Faith Kitchen agreement is in the process of final revisions with an anticipated execution date of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Heard a report of various upcoming Faith Kitchen fundraising events and discussed the status of the transition of Faith Kitchen daily trash removal from Trinity staff to Faith Kitchen staff.
- Recruited volunteers to draft official policies regarding law enforcement access to church property based on dialogues that occurred at the September congregational discussion group that met to talk about the ELCA’s Sanctuary Church proclamation.

**Next Executive Team: Meeting: Monday October 28 @ 7:00 at TLC**

**Next Council Meeting: Monday November 11th @ 7:00 PM**

**DEVOTIONS for November 2019 – Key Darrow**

**REFRESHMENTS for November 2019 – Kevin Seidel**