



**Present:** Kevin Seidel, Scott Miller, Sharon Matschke, Kim Kleindienst, Erin DeKorte, Maira Rogers, Sandy Sheridan, Eileen Schult, Suzanne Capps, Gary Tarantino, Key Darrow, Sandi Knowle, Russ Pullis, Pastor Fred, Bev Dominkowicz, John Sienkiewicz,

**Absent:** None

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Kevin Seidel

Thank you to Gary Tarantino for Devotions and to Eileen Schultz for Refreshments

**Announcements:** In February, Eileen Schultz will lead devotions and Maira Rogers will bring refreshments

**I. Items for Decision:**

- A. A **MOTION** was **PASSED** to accept the Minutes from the December Council Meeting.
- B. A **MOTION** was **PASSED** to accept the Financial Reports from December
  1. We ended 2018 at 106 % of pledges and ended 2018 at \$17,671.04 in the **RED**. However, this is significantly less than the projected \$32,359 deficit. Income was \$4,061 above projection and expenses \$10,626 less than budgeted.
- C. **MOTION** was **PASSED** to accept the following dates:
  1. January 27th. – RIC Sunday
  2. January 24<sup>th</sup>- Congregation for Justice and March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17th
  3. February 3rd – Pastor Fred on vacation. Kevin Seidel to preach.
  4. Inviting Prince of Peace congregation to play at Papermill Playhouse on 5/5
  5. Wednesday's Lenten Dinner & Worship schedule: 3/6,3/13.3/20,3/27,4/3,4/10, 4/17
- D. **MOTION** was **PASSED** to direct the \$1,200 for 2019 of the Thrivent Choice Dollars to the Trozzo's and the remaining 2019 Thrivent Choice Dollars to The Capital Campaign.

**II. Items for Discussion and/or accepted at Executive Team Meeting:**

- A. Structure of future Council meetings: future meeting format will have alternate A & B format. "A" month will be regular meeting structure; "B" month -the meeting agenda will be abbreviated and then council members will address action items (determined by Executive Board) and work into action teams for resolution. This meeting structure will be evaluated mid- year to see how the system works.
- B. Committee liaisons – liaison openings were discussed, and council members signed up for vacancies.
- C. Time & Talent next steps-distributed to council liaisons the names of people who signed up for various volunteer activities. Chairperson will contact everyone who signed up to acknowledge the receipt of this information.
- D. Action Team Management- Trinity Thrivent members left nearly \$20K unused in 2018. To better manage the utilization Action Team dollars, there will be a Fair on 2/10/19 (between & after services) where Thrivent members can get assistance with selecting and applying for Action Team Funds. Kim Kleindienst will communicate to Thrivent members about this event.
- E. Reports and Updates
  1. Pastor's Report – Pastor outlined 2 of his goals: Develop focus for congregational identity going forward. Tag-line and Mission; Announced that Trinity is the recipient of a Bequest. Once funds are received, we need to think creatively about a new ministry at Trinity (perhaps art or music based). Expanding this further will be addressed during a "B" Council Meeting.
  2. Capital Campaign- No new funds received. See notes below in Property report
  3. Generosity Report -No report- group needs to reconvene
  4. Property Report
    - a. AC project to start in Faith Kitchen area. Work will start once all permits are approved. Will take 2 to 3 days to complete and will work around Faith Kitchen/Edna Haven operations.
  5. Health Cabinet -No report
  6. Worship & Music -Reorganization of Committed completed for 2019 was done; new Linens purchased for altar from MAT Funds; Lenten worship /dinner scheduled announced.
  7. Education Committee – No report
  8. Justice League
    - a. RIC – next meeting is on 1/21 where new spoke on the wheel will be discussed
  9. Fellowship- No report; Maira to follow up on status of next scheduled events



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10. Membership-Changes in wording of bylaw items C8.02.02, C8.02.03 and C8.02.06 were discussed and agreed upon. This goes to a congregational meeting for final approval. Perhaps a June 2019 meeting.
11. Societal Ministry
  - a. Living for Giving- 1/23 is their next meeting; Super Bowl Sunday donating Food for Food Pantry contest between 8 & 10:30 AM church attendees will take place.
  - b. Faith Kitchen – Erin DeKorte is joining the Board. Discussion on how to get other members of the congregation involved. Communication will go out to the congregation asking who is interested in working the Saturday's Lunch along with a Church Council member. A different way for Council members to sign up for Saturday Faith Kitchen will be housed in a Google Doc. Members can pick which Saturday they are available instead of signing up during a Council meeting.
  - c. Edna's Haven – a draft outlining the occupancy report will be sent to Kevin Seidel
  - d. Senior Ministry- January 6<sup>th</sup> was the Epiphany party at the Senior Building. Next event is Bingo on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
12. Additional Items – Kevin Seidel will close church on 2/3 due to Pastor Fred's vacation
13. Closing Prayers

**Next Executive Team: Meeting: Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 7:00 PM - TLC**

**Next Council Meeting: Monday, February 11th, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. – TLC**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM**

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Matschke, Council Secretary