

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Congregational Council Meeting  
Monday, March 11, 2019 – 7:00 PM

*Present:* Kevin Seidel, Sharon Matschke, Kim Kleindienst, Erin DeKorte, Maira Rogers, Sandy Sheridan, Eileen Schult, Suzanne Capps, Key Darrow, Sandi Knowle, Pastor Fred, Bev Dominkowitz.

*Absent:* Scott Miller, Russ Pullis, Gary Tarantino, John Sienkiewicz

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

Thank you to Maira Rogers for Devotions and to Suzanne Capps for Refreshments

**Announcements:** In April , Suzanne Capps will lead devotions and Sandie Knowle will bring refreshments

**I. Items for Decision:**

- A. A **MOTION** was **PASSED** to accept the Minutes from the February Council Meeting.
- B. A **MOTION** was **PASSED** to accept the Financial Reports from February
  - 1. Received 94% of pledge amount received; Pledged \$34,120.74 received \$32,220.00 income down by \$1900.74. Discussion was had to wait to see if next month receipts follow this pattern. Spending is within budget at the moments
- C. **MOTION** was **PASSED** to accept the following dates:
  - 1. Holy Dialogues starting 3/12 through 4/16 at St. John's
  - 2. Fellowship event – Cinco de Mayo is being held on 5/19 due to conflict with original date of 5/5.
  - 3. July 2019 Council meeting is cancelled.
  - 4. Trinity's office will be closed on Monday 4/22
  - 5. Pastor attending conference in Indianapolis on 4/28-30

**II. Action taken by Executive Team- None**

**III. New Business & Reports:**

- 1. New Business:
  - a. Energy Audit results; received report from New Jersey Clean Energy Program to replace current light with LED ones and the AC in the Sanctuary. Cost to TLC will be \$7,311.28 with 3 years to pay back. Motion was approved by council to take this to the congregation at June annual meeting for approval. This date is TBD. Doing this will save electrical costs and energy.
  - b. Action Team Fair- The fair did not happen. Discussion was had that council liaisons go back to their teams to connect on how they can utilize action team monies.
  - c. Time & Talent Updates- reminder for council liaisons to ensure that congregational member who expressed an interested in working on a team has been contacted.
  - d. Congregational members Faith Kitchen involvement- Discussion was had on how to engage congregation. A sign-up sheet will be placed in narthex for all church members to sign up for a Saturday. Also, the Executive Team & Pastor will contact council members who don't sign up for a Saturday rotation in the Faith Kitchen.
  - e. Generosity Team discussion- Discussion was had on how to increase membership for this team. Pastor & Executive Team will look for new members in the congregation.
- 2. Pastor's Report – report was approved by council.
- 3. Parish Nurse Report- report was approved by council
- 4. Thank You Notes- Notes will be sent to Sheri Sauer, Sandy Dean, Aurora Sickles, Mike Capps and Jackson family for their work for the church
- 5. Follow Ups from February Council Workshop meeting: Online/Digital team working on updating website and next steps; Building & Welcome teams did not have the chance to meet again.
- 6. Capital Campaign- Waiting on snow to melt to complete the AC installation; outside Red Door at church has already been replaced. Treasurers to confirm the availability of funds and contact is to be made with Painting contractor to complete the work in the sanctuary.
- 7. Generosity Report -item discussed in New Business
- 8. Property Report
  - a. Replacing the battery for the generator and the installation of a new circulating pump.
  - b. Landscaping update- group of members gathered to review the landscape and schedule a seasonal planting/clean up flower beds.
- 9. Health Cabinet -No report
- 10. Worship & Music -No report.
- 11. Education Committee – No report

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12. Justice League-Congregations for Justice training is going well and well attended. Lead by Sandy Dean
  - a. RIC – The team met on 1/27 with the Eric Johnson House from Morristown. Explored ways to partner on initiatives.
13. Fellowship- Cliff & Dawn Rollins are stepping down as leaders. Discussion was had on how to get more people involved with this team. Suggestions for new events: Pot Luck Dinner. More discussion to follow
14. Membership-No report
  
15. Societal Ministry
  - a. Living for Giving- Fundraisers: Milk Shake Sunday on 3/24 and Lenten Project to purchase a bike for the Dover police.
  - b. Faith Kitchen – see under New Business
  - c. Edna’s Haven –The occupancy report is currently under attorney review. Once completed it will be reviewed with Enda’s Haven & TLC.
  - d. Senior Ministry- Next event is Bingo on March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Building. Joan Frick is leading this event
16. Additional Business – A coffee hour on Father’s Day June 16<sup>th</sup> will honor all the Bald Eagles to recognize all their hard work for the church.
17. Items for Discussion – None
18. Pastoral Concerns- Pastor asked council members to reach out to church member who they haven’t seen for awhile to check in on them.
19. Correspondence - None
20. Closing Prayers & Adjournment

**Next Executive Team: Meeting: Monday, March 25, 2019 – 7:00 PM - TLC**

**Next Council Meeting: Monday, April 8, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. – TLC**

**Reminder: Devotions for April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting is Suzanne Capps**

**Refreshments for April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting is Sandie Knowle**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM**

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Matschke, Council Secretary