

Trinity Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2019 – 7:00 PM

Present: Scott Miller, Sharon Matschke, Kim Kleindienst, Maira Rogers, Sandy Sheridan, Russ Pullis, Suzanne Capps, Sandi Knowle, Pastor Fred, Bev Dominkowitz, John Sienkiewicz, Gary Tarantino.

Absent: Key Darrow, Erin DeKorte, Kevin Seidel, Eileen Schult,

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Scott Miller

Thank you to Sandi Knowles for Devotions

Announcements: In June, Erin DeKorte will lead devotions and Scott Miller will bring refreshments

I. Items for Decision:

A. A **MOTION** was **PASSED** to accept the Minutes from the April 2019 Council Meeting.

1. A **MOTION** was **PASSED** to accept the Financial Reports

1. Received 114% of pledge amount received; General receipts \$22,627, Disbursements \$23,752.31 with deficient of \$1,125.31 for the month. Currently on budget and basically on plan with spending.

B. **Dates for approval - None**

C. **Old Business-** Volunteer Day event will be held on Sunday 6/30. Council members are asked to bring refreshments for coffee hour after the 9:30 AM service to honor all who volunteer in the Church. Maira Rogers is coordinating

II. Action taken by Executive Team- None

III. New Business & Reports:

1. New Business:

- a. June Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday 6/2 after 9:30 service. Preliminary agenda is: voting on energy approval; membership by law changes; mutual ministry doing the annual review for Pastor Fred; informing congregation of a new musical ministry called the Choral Scholars Fund.
- b. Faith Kitchen council members Saturday sign up: Council members will be responsible to obtain a "buddy" to accompany them in Faith Kitchen on their Saturday date. Doesn't need to be a Trinity member but an adult. Discussion was had to review this system in the future as some members liked the old method. Erin DeKorte the council liaison to the Faith Kitchen will be sent an email addressing concerns and questions council members had regarding the operation of Faith Kitchen on Saturdays. Ex: Is there a food leftover policy? Obtaining the contacts for church(s) preparing the Saturday meal. Sign in Faith Kitchen displaying who is serving lunch.
- c. Future planning for custodial services: Discussion was had on how to address in the future the responsibilities for costs for custodial services in the Faith Kitchen & TLC church.
- d. Adult Education location – This will be monitored to ensure that the utilization of room 101 doesn't negatively impact others not attending Adult Ed on Sunday mornings.
- e. New ministry proposal- creating the Choral Scholar Fund paid from the Goddard Fund. This fund would pay 4 high schoolers a stipend of \$100 a month each to attend regular choir rehearsals and sing with the choir on Sundays. This would be for 10 months out of the year and start September 2019. Choir Director will source these people.

2. Pastor's Report – report was approved by council. Pastor asked for help with the Youth Summer feeding program happening at St. John's when TLC is responsible for the 1 day during the week handing out the bagged lunches to youth in the Dover community. This would happen June 27th through August 29th. Time frame would be 12:30 – 3 PM approximately. Contact Pastor Fred if interested in assisting him.
3. Parish Nurse Report- report was approved by council
4. Thank You Notes- Notes will be sent to Sheri Sauer for her assistance in installing Faith Kitchen new counter tops and cabinetry, Zion Lutheran for monetary donations for Faith Kitchen upgrades ;an acknowledgement will be made to Peter Borbas a flood surveyor who saved TLC a considerable amount of money with the flood plan for the church.
5. Follow Ups from April Council Workshop meeting: Building team update only- Pastor Fred has a contact for a company that does digital signs for outside of the church. He will proceed and get more details.
6. Capital Campaign- Plaster of the sanctuary will commence on 5/20. After the 10:30 service on 5/19, congregation has been asked to assist with the dismantling the sanctuary and moving items in preparation.
7. Generosity Report -No report

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8. Property Report
 - a. Gary Tarantino asked if council is agreeable to additional renovations for the Faith Kitchen. More functional cabinets, stainless counter tops, etc. Funding for this work will come from Faith Kitchen, Thrivent Action Team and TLC. The council is agreeable to these renovations and Gary will proceed further on this project.
9. Health Cabinet -No report
10. Worship & Music -No report.
11. Education Committee – No report
12. Justice League- 1st meeting was on 5/9. They met and learned about and discussed different types of social justice issues such as immigration, Let's Drive NJ, economic justice, Brady United, prison reform, etc. Each member will read up on the different types of social justice issues they are interested in and choose a topic the group will start at their next meeting.
 - a. RIC –New Jersey Aids Society has asked to use the PLC for meeting space on a Saturday afternoon. Council has agreed to this use. Further details to come. TLC participated in the AIDS walk.
13. Fellowship- Taco Lunch will be held on Sunday 5/19. Maira Rogers is coordinating
14. Membership-No report
15. Societal Ministry
 - a. Living for Giving- Lenten Project Bicycles for Dover Police. Raised \$2536 for 2 bikes. Dover police will be given the \$ for them to purchase these bikes and on Sunday 6/23 there will be a Bike Blessing at the 9:30 service.
 - b. Faith Kitchen – see under Property
 - c. Edna's Haven –The occupancy report is still under attorney review.
16. Senior Ministry- History of Dover through Pictures event was held in April at the Senior Building with presentation from the Dover Historical group. Refreshments were served. Planning meeting will be held in June to plan for future events. Date of this meeting is TBD.
17. Additional Business – None.
18. Items for Discussion – None
19. Pastoral Concerns- None
20. Correspondence - None
21. Closing Prayers & Adjournment

Next Executive Team: Meeting: Thursday May 25th at 5:30 PM at TLC

Next Council Meeting: Monday, June 13th, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. – TLC

Reminder: Devotions for June 13th meeting is Erin DeKorte

Refreshments for June 13th meeting is Jeff Miller

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Matschke, Council Secretary