

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
Minutes of General Meeting

January 12, 2016

President Sandy Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:54 p.m. A quorum was present, the following members in attendance at the meeting: Dave Hamburg, Pastor Paul Sundberg, Cliff Bronson, Colleen Nollette, Pastor Joan Beck, Kathy Pirwitz, Raylene Ewing, Sandy Schneider, Branda Anderson, and Mike Schultz. Also present were Facilities Board member Bruce Sutherland and guest Paul Benz from Faith Action Network.

Pastor Joan Beck opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Faith Action Network (FAN) Presentation. Pastor Paul Sundberg introduced guest Paul Benz, an ELCA pastor and Co-Director of FAN. Pastor Benz presented information designed to inform the council about FAN's organization and to clarify what membership entails. He distributed several handouts (attached) and opened the presentation to questions and discussion.

Minutes of December 8 Meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting with minor revisions. The motion was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Facilities Report – Bruce Sutherland. There was general discussion about the Creation Station building (which needs to be brought up to code) and options for use of the house vacated by Jamie Richards' leaving.

Financial Report – Dave Hamburg. Dave reported that 2015's numbers ended up almost exactly as predicted at the congregational meeting. Year 2014 ended up a little short, but 2015 concluded right on budget with no big deficits.

Request for Kiosk Funds – Cliff Bronson. Cliff requested approval of funds (\$1,300) from the memorial fund for a kiosk for the narthex at Trinity-Lynnwood. The kiosk will contain three bulletin board sides and one whiteboard side. Following discussion, the funds were approved for purchase of the kiosk.

Pastoral Report – Paul Sundberg. Pastor Paul presented the following issues for discussion/action: (1) Council action to continue the housing allowance on the Sundberg and Beck homes at their current rates for tax purposes. A motion was made to approve continuance of the current housing allowances for 2016; the motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously; (2) Use of the Trinity Lutheran Church house vacated by Jamie Richards; (3) A request for fundraising approval from Trinity members. Council approval was granted; (4) Council conversation regarding the cold weather shelter and clarification of Trinity's policy on the unsheltered population; (5) Further request for an outside audit rather than an internal review; and (6) Imminent retirement of Trinity staff individuals. Discussion was held regarding all of these issues.

A suggestion was made that we move Crossroads discussion and work to the beginning of each meeting in the future. Council has also decided to add a second meeting each month on the fourth Tuesday in order to begin accomplishing the work of Crossroads. Crossroads will also be the primary focus of Council's next retreat, to be held January 29.

The Well Report – Mike Schultz. Mike reported that Trinity's internal group would be meeting to discern the needs for the facilities to be erected. He stated that an architect has been hired and is

requesting input from VOAWW, Boys and Girls Club, and Trinity Lutheran Church to get an idea for the needs of the facility. Some feel the director of the schools should also attend the meeting due to schedules of schools, parking, etc.

Prayer requests were submitted, Pastor Paul closed in prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Raylene Ewing, Secretary