

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
Minutes of General Meeting

February 9, 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: Colleen Nollette, Kathy Pirwitz, Pastor Joan Beck, John Resha, Dave Hamburg, Mike Schultz, Raylene Ewing, Sandy Schneider, Pastor Paul Sundberg, Branda Anderson, Pastor John Beck, Julia Eckberg, and Cliff Bronson. Also present were guests David Greenlee and John Judd.

President Sandy Schneider opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Open Youth Minister Position. Guest David Greenlee presented to council the needs inherent in the youth program vacancies left by Jamie Richards and Lois Debner. Discussion topics included the appointment of a call committee, qualifications required of a new hire, determining whether the two positions could or should be combined, resources required, the importance of relational development between youth leaders, parents of Trinity's youth and volunteers, crossover with other Trinity Lutheran Church children and youth ministries (e.g., vacation bible school, children's and youth choirs, and evening youth activities), and youth needs at Pointe of Grace. David left the meeting following the presentation and discussion.

Minutes of January 12 Meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2016 meeting with minor revisions. The motion was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Crossroads Discussion. Discussion centered on functions of the three teams (Faithfully Living, Graciously Delivering, and Spiritually Grounded), the importance of finalizing the direction each team will go, and methods of communication with the congregation regarding their future participation in the Crossroads process. Council members and pastors were identified with each team, and tasked with finalizing a strategy for each team as to its goals. Council has decided to meet twice a month beginning in February and team members were asked to produce a clear strategy by the next meeting on February 23.

Stewardship Report – John Beck. Pastor John reported on the year-round stewardship program and the next steps. He met with the stewardship task force for what was a very powerful kick-off meeting in which the group shared a variety of visions and tasks ahead of them. The task force will meet after the Lenten service on February 24 to establish regular meeting times. Pastor John asked for prayer support for the work of the team and the individuals participating. Members include Dick Wendt, John Judd, Theresa Greco, Emily Herivel, Lisa Hunnewell, and Michelle Reitan.

Pastor John also reported on the very positive kick-off for the Trinity 75th anniversary activities and questionnaire that would be distributed congregation-wide giving people an opportunity to check off anniversary activities they would like to help with or experience during the anniversary celebration year.

Pastor John announced a meeting to be held at Pointe of Grace on February 28th after church (11:00 a.m. to noon) for a discussion on how the relationship of Pointe of Grace to Trinity-Lynnwood is evolving and how the leadership team can best move forward as Pointe of Grace attempts to be more proactive about budget, policies and procedures. The Pointe of Grace worshipping community is thankful for Trinity-Lynnwood's support and would like to draft some policies and submit them to council, as they are desirous of becoming a greater part of Trinity leadership.

Trinity House. There was a brief discussion of the Trinity house. A family is currently renting the house for the month and several petitions have been made for its future use. Council will continue to review these petitions and pray for discernment as to the best use of the house going forward.

Faith Action Network. A motion was made that Trinity Lutheran Church become a member congregation of Faith Action Network and the motion was seconded. Discussion followed and ultimately a vote was taken. The motion carried by majority vote.

Further Youth Minister Position Discussion. Council discussed further what resources might be needed to assist David before someone is hired to replace Jamie and/or Lois's positions. It was agreed that Council would table this issue until the next meeting.

Prayer requests were submitted, closing prayer was given, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Raylene Ewing, Secretary