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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
Minutes of General Meeting

April 12, 2016

President Sandy Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. A quorum was present, the following members in attendance at the meeting: Dave Hamburg, Cliff Bronson, Mike Schultz, Sandy Schneider, Pastor John Beck, Pastor Joan Beck, Colleen Nollette, Margie Olsoy, Raylene Ewing, Branda Anderson, Julia Eckberg, and John Resha, The following guests also attended: John Judd, Kevin Wescott, and Karin Lannertone.

Raylene Ewing opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Minutes of March Meeting. Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed with clarifying edits suggested by Mike Schultz. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved with the suggested changes. Following a brief discussion, the correct title of the open youth minister position was supplied and a request made that references in the March minutes to that position be changed to "Minister of Children and Family Ministries". The minutes, as revised, were approved by unanimous vote.

Pointe of Grace Presentation. Karin Lannertone and Kevin Wescott made a presentation of the Pointe of Grace leadership team regarding desired ministry issues. Karen described a brief history of the church and congregation, including the development of close relationships, moving to the ultimate goal of the leadership team, which was to build the church. With all its efforts, the team still feels it is operating as a separate entity and desires to clear a path to communicate more efficiently and effectively with Trinity-Lynnwood.

Discussion centered on communication, pursuing ideas, the extent of autonomy exercised by Pointe of Grace, parameters of ministry approval from Council, and clarification of the role of the leadership team (working in sync with Trinity-Lynnwood).

Pointe of Grace Garage Sale. The Pointe of Grace leadership team requested Council approval to hold a garage sale, the proceeds of which were to be used for facilities-related needs at Pointe of Grace. A motion was made and seconded to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

Men's Group Fundraising Request/J-Class. Pastor John Beck presented a one-time fundraising request from the Trinity Lutheran Church men's group, to be offered as a memorial to John Hammar. Money (goal is \$5,000) would be raised to provide travel scholarships for seminary students to participate in a J-class centering on Trinity Lutheran Church in January 2017. Pastor John explained the two-week J-Class offered by the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. The seminary has approved the class, which will consist of between five and ten seminary students who will spend 12 to 14 days at Trinity learning about the public church in the secular culture (see attached course description). Pastor Paul Sundberg, Pastor John Beck, and Pastor Joan Beck would be the instructors for the course. Pastor John moved that we agree to do this in January 2017. Discussion centered on how the presence of the students would impact Trinity resources. The students would stay in congregation members' homes and spend portions of the day interviewing staff members and working with pastors. The men's group will arrange housing and hope to raise enough money to offer a stipend to host families housing the students for the time they are here. Following discussion, the motion was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Spiritually Grounded Team. Julia Eckberg presented an update for the Spiritually Grounded team. One of the ideas the team came up with was to be more intentional about praying for Trinity Lutheran Church staff. Each council member was invited to lift up in prayer two specific staff members daily or as often as possible. This had the intent of laying the groundwork for helping staff in this way. Council spent two minutes in prayer for staff members.

The Well Project. Mike presented an update on The Well Project. After feedback from the committee, Sandy submitted a letter requesting a change of zoning of the Trinity-Lynnwood property to the same zoning as that on Highway 99. The zoning change improves our situation moving forward for the property. The Planning Commissioner working with the project is taking it to the Committee. A person from Trinity will be available to answer questions publicly, if required. The committee has also finished work with the architect – analyzing different groups that might be impacted and going forward with the analysis. The committee should have something to present to the congregation in the next month or two.

Synod Assembly. Sandy requested volunteers to attend the Synod annual assembly, scheduled for May 20 and 21. Council members Raylene Ewing and Sandy Schneider will attend.

Financial Report. No written report was available this month. It is felt the message of the stewardship committee is having a positive effect and will have an impact all over the congregation. Compared to last year at this time, we are \$45,000 ahead.

Gender-Neutral Restroom Signage. The Harmony group submitted a question about gender-neutral bathroom signage. When one enters the building, people want to know that there are gender-neutral bathrooms available. After general discussion, it was decided to address this with the Facilities Board.

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Committee Report. John Resha updated the council with suggested plans for May 22 (see attached memo to council), designated as the kick-off of Trinity's 75th anniversary celebration. The committee seeks approval from council for the activities stated on the handout. It was moved and seconded to go forward with celebrations on May 22 as outlined on the attached memo. Also implicit in this action is approval of a congregational meeting on that date. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Prayer requests were submitted, Sandy closed in prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Raylene Ewing, Secretary