

## Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting 3-14-17

### Present:

President Neil Gavin  
Vice President Julia Eckberg  
Treasurer Mike Schultz  
Treasurer Elect Bill Erwert  
Secretary Irene Austvold  
Pastor Paul Sundberg  
Pastor Joan Beck  
Pastor John Beck  
Member at Large Jens Johanson  
Member at Large Branda Anderson  
Member at Large Clint Buetow  
Member at Large Marcia Black  
Staff Member Norma Aamodt-Nelson

### Guests:

Cold Weather Shelter Board Members - Mark Waldin, Sue Waldin, Carol Pearson, Lisa Utter and Lisa Benggeli

President Neil Gavin called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

1. The Council began the meeting by reviewing the passage Luke 10: 1-12. We then invited each person to share an image, word or phrase that stood out for them in light of our call as a church or work on council.
2. Mark Walden presented information on the ministry of the Cold Weather Shelter. The mission is to provide warmth and a meal to a homeless individual when the predicted weather in Lynnwood/Edmonds area is expected to be 33 degrees or below for over 4 hours between 6 PM and 7 AM. They also provide hot dinner, fellowship, hot breakfast in the morning and sack lunch to go. The shelter is housed at Edmonds Senior Center and opens its doors at 6:30 PM. This past winter there were 16 nights in a row, where the Cold Weather Shelter was available. The Emergency Cold Weather Shelter is housed at the Edmonds Senior Center, and that's going to be torn down most likely starting in 2018. The shelter will then need to find a new location. We appreciate the "Hands of Jesus" ministry they are providing.
3. Kathy Pirwitz resigned as Member at Large in January 2017.
4. John Resha resigned as President in February 2017.
5. Mike Schultz - Treasurer's Report. Looking at the Statement of Income and Expenses, Contribution Income was ahead of budgeted income by \$8,402 during February. In total, excluding temp restricted released (bequest) money, income came in \$11,608 above budget expectations. Total expenses were \$2,320 below budget during February. The

largest variances for expenses during the month were Benevolence at \$5,488 above budget, Personnel at \$7,248 under budget and Facilities at \$2,163 above budget.

6. Jens, Pastor John and Bill agreed to review the existing Lease Agreement for the Trinity House, and will provide recommendations at a future Council meeting.
7. We discussed the 2017 Nominating Committee for the Council and Endowment Boards. Pastor John had been talking to individuals and there are a few positions to fill on the Council: President, Vice-President, Treasurer–Elect, Secretary-Elect and (2) Members at Large. The council agreed to briefly meet on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 (at Trinity Lutheran Church/Multi Purpose Room Stage Area) to discuss and approve the 2017 Nominating Committee.
8. We discussed the Constitution and that the wording states in section C12.02 “Their term shall be for two years with the term beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30.” Section C12.03 States “Should a members place on the Council be declared vacant, the Council shall elect, by majority vote, a successor until the next annual meeting of the congregation.” Both Neil and Julia have decided to step down early, effective at the next annual congregational meeting, not on June 30th.
9. A motion carried that POG can fundraise for the upcoming Harbour Pointe Garage Sale.
10. A motion carried that POG can set up a Go Fund Me account for Packs-for-Kids.
11. The minutes from February 21, 2017 were approved with corrections.
12. The minutes from February 28, 2017 were approved with corrections.
13. Special Congregational Meeting will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 AM. It will be a facilitated session. Neil, Julia and Irene to aid with pre-planning efforts. Neil is working to secure the facilitator.
14. Pastor Paul presented a very unique situation to the Council. Upon discussion, the Council authorized that Pastor Paul can do a Memorial Service for Mary Rogers on April 15<sup>th</sup>. He had provided Pastoral Care for her while she was dying. Her family had specifically requested that he do the service.
15. Mike shared that the Graciously Delivering (GD) team has been meeting weekly. There was a recent resignation on the team. The team is working to provide summary communications to the entire congregation.
16. Upcoming VIP dates: 1) Congregational Special Meeting - March 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 AM, 2) Farewell Potluck for Pastor Paul – April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:45 AM and 3) May 7<sup>th</sup> (a proposed) date for the congregational meeting.
17. Next meeting April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45 PM at Pointe of Grace.
18. Pastor Paul closed in prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM

Secretary – Irene Austvold