

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2016

Council members present:

President John Resha

Secretary Julia Eckberg

Secretary-elect Irene Austvold

Treasurer Mike Schultz

Treasurer-elect Bill Erwert

Council at Large Clint Buetow

Council at Large Jens Johansen

Council at Large Marcia Black

Pastor Joan Beck

Pastor John Beck

Associate in Ministry Cliff Bronson

The meeting was called to order by President John Resha at 6:48 and quorum was established.

- I. Opening Prayer and Bible Study
- II. The meeting minutes for the July 19 and Special Council Meeting July 31 were approved.
- III. Pastor Paul emailed his report and Joan and John were on vacation.
- IV. A review of the facilities was done. Information was reported regarding the recent issues with the Family Resource Center. A report was sent to Council by Bruce explaining events. Jens will put together a letter describing the remediation steps and the condition of the building. In the mean time, they will use some space at Trinity Lynnwood for their counseling groups.
- V. Treasurer Mike Schultz reported on current income and expenses. Some shifts in personnel are reflected in the report. We are still seeing positive trends with the budget. It was noted that the Stewardship campaign seems to have had an impact. Additionally the presence of Pastors Joan and John and better support at POG have generated a sense of greater stability and growth. Ministry groups need to communicate budget requests to Mike and Cliff in order to plan for next year. A proactive approach to capital expenses is being developed. There was also discussion of the upkeep of the appearance of the buildings and grounds. A budget retreat is planned for September 24 with time to further conversation and planning. A budget process schedule with dates was distributed.
- VI. President John Resha passed until later.
- VII. Benevolence contributions are a part of the budget. To date, we've only awarded a small amount of those. One of the groups who receives that is the Catacombs. There was a greater explanation of the relationship. This item will resurface at a future meeting for more in depth conversation.

- VIII. TLC constitutional issues were reviewed. The group discussed both the size of Council and term of office for those positions. These are two areas needing examination in the process of updating our constitution.
- IX. Approach to communications is something that needs to be reviewed.
- X. Council Installation possibly September 11.
- XI. The Spiritually Grounded Team surveyed Council. The surveys are part of the Crossroads process.
- XII. Closing Prayer

The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Secretary Julia Eckberg