

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting – Held at Pointe of Grace 4-18-17 **FINAL**

Present: Vice President Julia Eckberg, Secretary Irene Austvold, Treasurer Mike Schultz, Treasurer Elect Bill Erwert, Members-At-Large Branda Anderson, Marcia Black, Clint Buetow, Jens Johanson, Pastors Joan and John Beck, Staff Representative Norma Aamodt-Nelson

Absent: Neil Gavin, President

1. Vice President Julia Eckberg called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM and welcomed the visitors to the meeting, explaining the devotions.
2. The Council began the meeting by reviewing the passage Luke 10: 1-12 as they have done all year.
3. Time in the agenda had been set aside for comments and questions from visitors, after which, the council moved into a closed session. Visitors were dismissed.
4. The minutes dated 3-14-17 were approved with revisions.
5. The minutes dated 3-19-17 and 3-26-17 were also approved with revisions.
6. Mike Schultz gave the Treasurer's Report. Church membership income was \$27,000 under budget expectations for March and \$10,500 under the budget expectation for the YTD period. Reimbursement income was just \$25 short during March, but positive by \$103 YTD. Facilities Use income and Miscellaneous income were each slightly above expectations for March and the YTD periods. Excluding Personnel expenses, expense segments were generally in-line with the budget during March, with Facilities coming in under budget. Excluding personnel, YTD most expense items are slightly under the budgeted estimates. Looking at Personnel, the March costs for salaries and benefits were above budget due to the severance package paid to Pastor Paul. The severance package was in accordance to Synod guidelines and was paid in full except for medical insurance, which will run monthly through December unless Pastor Paul obtains employment insurance through another employment opportunity.
7. Mission and Vision statement writers – The Graciously Delivering work group is asking for volunteers to update the mission and vision statements for the report that will go out in June. Request this information to be communicated in the *What's Happening*.
8. Constitution Review – In order to give the congregation adequate time to read it, we plan to hold a special meeting to amend and/or approve it for the Congregational meeting (planned in June – timeline TBD.) More information to be communicated to the congregation in the *What's Happening*, so as to explain how to best read the document. The concern is that our constitution be within the ELCA guidelines. This step will help will the call process.

9. The next Council meeting is on May 9th @ 6:45 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church.

10. The meeting was closed in prayer.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary – Irene Austvold