

## Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting – 5-9-17 **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, Pastors Joan and John Beck, Staff Representative Norma Aamodt-Nelson

Special Guests: Pastor Dick Wendt – Mentor To the Council and Bill Rankin

Absent: Jens Johanson

1. Vice President Julia Eckberg called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM and welcomed visitors\* (see attachment) to the meeting.
2. The meeting was opened in prayer. Council began the meeting with a devotional on Matthew 18: 15-20.
3. The minutes dated 4-18-17 were approved with minor revisions.
4. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Bill Rankin as a Member at Large through June 2017, to fill in one of the vacant positions. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Pastor Dick Wendt has agreed to coach the current Council over the next several months.
6. Treasurer Report – Mike Schultz. Total contributions income from members during April 2017 was \$103,813 and just short of expectations by \$1,808. The Lynnwood congregation was \$1,980 short of expectations and the Mukilteo congregation was \$172 ahead of expectations. Adding total contributions income to other income the Actual Total Income during the month was \$110,022 compared to Budgeted Total Income expectations of \$112,740, for a shortfall of April Actual Income to April Budgeted Income of \$2,718. Total expenses of \$130,490 were \$258 above the budget for April 2017. The largest dollar amount variances for the month was in the Facilities segment (\$4,450 above budget) and Management Ministries (\$2,934 below budget). Management Ministries include costs for insurance and office supplies. See attachments.
7. Neil Gavin has resigned as Council President, effective immediately. A motion was made and seconded to accept his resignation. The motion passed unanimously.
8. A motion was made and seconded to approve an Esperanza fundraiser (as requested by Deb Johnson) to conduct a rummage sale at Trinity Lutheran Church in the two multi-purpose classrooms on June 23-24. All funds generated from this event will benefit Esperanza Mission Scholarships. The motion passed unanimously.

9. A motion was made and seconded to approve a proposal from Mark Waldin for Cold Weather Shelter so that Trinity Lutheran Church will be the "fiscal agent." The motion passed unanimously. The Cold Weather Shelter is beginning to identify potential funding agencies and applying for available grants and if successful in securing funds can then hire a Director. The motion passed unanimously. See attachment for additional information.
  
10. Facility Board Update - Pastor John reported that the group working on the Trinity Lutheran Church Safety/Hospitality policy consulted with staff from the Everett Gospel Mission about our complex situation, trying to balance a welcoming environment with safety concerns, particularly as it relates to the well-being of our schools and impact on office staff. Of particular concern were two patterns that they encouraged us to change: warming time and on campus loitering. They described our current practice as "not best practice." Staff has recommended putting the warming time on hiatus for the summer. Attempts to identify volunteers to provide supervision for the "warming time" (Tues-Fri when people have been welcomed in the narthex and bathrooms) produced no volunteers. Steps are underway to incorporate these recommendations into a draft policy, as well as notify impacted individuals of these potential changes. No motion was made.
  
11. A motion was made and seconded to create a Treasurer's Budget Subcommittee who's responsibility is to draft recommendations regarding priorities of expense reduction and reserve asset spending during 2017, if income is insufficient to meet budgeted expenses. The motion passed unanimously. Such subcommittee work has been undertaken in the past at Trinity Lutheran Church as an additional level of stewardship within Council's fiduciary responsibilities and has been a valuable resource for the Council and church community. Representatives serving on the Treasurer's Committee are: Mike Schultz, Pastor John Beck and Bill Erwert.
  
12. A motion was made and seconded to create a Council Subcommittee to review, and evaluate open Staff Positions and draft job descriptions. The motion passed unanimously. Representatives serving on the committee are: Pastor John Beck, Pastor Joan Beck, Mike Schultz and Bill Erwert.
  
13. A motion was made and seconded to create a Communications Subcommittee – so that best practices and standards are brought to Council to review and consider for adoption. The motion passed unanimously. Representatives serving on the committee are: Bill Rankin, Pastor John Beck and Clint Buetow.

14. Congregational Needs - dialog took place that we always need to explore and experiment with new and various ways of communication, knowing that, in this day and age *repetition* and *frequency* is about the only way to reliably reach people. Greater emphasis should be placed on being and communicating in community. Fostering these types of relationships, and also encouraging participation in the many various ministries is essential. No motion was made.
  
15. Meeting with the Bishop – a motion was made and seconded that Council supports Julia Eckberg, Mike Schultz and Pastor Wendt as they prepare to meet with Bishop Unti on May 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss a proposal for intervention and support for Trinity Lutheran Church and Pointe of Grace. The motion passed unanimously.
  
16. The next Council meeting is on June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church.
  
17. The meeting was closed in prayer.
  
18. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Secretary – Irene Austvold