

Trinity Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 19, 2018

Attendees: Ron Jones, Christie Tietjen, Steve Paquette, Richard Leimgruber, Pastor Paul Bauermeister, Nancy Buffum, Becky Luethy, Claudia Pico, Mike Sharitz (by phone), Elisa Thelen, Pastor Chris Naig, Dave Luethy

Ron called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. He presented the agenda and the list of staff and team reports. Pastor Chris led with an opening prayer.

Stewardship Program Plan – Dave Luethy, chairman of the Stewardship Committee, described the overall plan for the stewardship program. The Committee began meeting in April to consider new approaches. They are recommending that stewardship be considered a year-long activity, rather than a once-a-year pledge campaign. Stewardship should be celebrated all year. Thank you notices have already been included each Sunday on the sanctuary screens prior to church services to recognize and celebrate how our members' contributions allow various ministry programs to exist at Trinity. The Committee recommends that this year's pledge cards be revised to indicate what percentage of his/her income each member plans to give (rather than a specific dollar amount). This change will allow members to focus on the concept of generous giving as a spiritual discipline in our relationship with God. The spiritual discipline is that our financial contribution to Trinity should be thought of as a percentage of the many gifts with which He has blessed us. The Council unanimously endorsed the Committee's recommendation for the stewardship program. The stewardship program will be shared in more detail in an upcoming Adult Forum presentation.

Pastor's Report – July was a busy month, with Vacation Bible School and the Lantern Hill trip. There were two funerals, along with several hospital or home visits to those in need. The planning for confirmation classes is completed, with classes to be held on Monday evenings. The Bible study classes will resume on September 6 and will be held on each Thursday at 10:00 am. The September Trinitell will include an article describing the Narrative Lectionary (that is, the preaching texts of the Bible) planned for church services for the next year. Pastor Chris will discuss the Narrative Lectionary in greater detail between services at the September 16 Adult Forum meeting in Room 123.

Treasurer's Report - Steve reported that receipts in June were \$15,000 better than budget, while expenses (principally heating and cooling maintenance) were \$13,000 over budget. As a result, net income for the month was \$2,000 better than budget. Year-to date net income less debt payment is \$31,000 favorable to budget.

Discussion of reports received from Staff and Teams:

Children's Ministries: Vacation Bible School and the week-long Lantern Hill trip to Ensenada, Mexico were huge successes. Preparations are underway for Sunday School classes beginning September 23 and confirmation class beginning October 1. Fall Open

Gym will be held Sunday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 on September 30, October 21, and November 18.

Music Ministry: Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 pm beginning August 22, preparing for the September 9 service at 9:00.

Preschool: A total of 145 children are enrolled for Preschool beginning September 4.

Operation Services Committee (OSC): The manufacturer of the slanted roof above the sanctuary inspected the roof under the warranty agreement. We are waiting to hear what repairs for water leaks will be approved under that roof's warranty, which ends in about one year. A thermal imaging analysis is being scheduled to determine the extent of leak damage to the flat roof and an estimate of its remaining useful life. New windows and frames will be installed in the Parish Hall to replace the colored glass and improve the lighting at a cost of roughly \$12,000. Such cost will be paid out of a designated fund for Preschool use.

Other written staff and committee reports were reviewed with no additional discussion.

Private Session – The Council met privately to discuss possible candidates to serve as the three lay leaders and one staff member of the long-range planning committee. There were no Trinity members who volunteered to be considered for this committee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.