

Trinity Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

Date: May 20, 2018

Attendees: Ron Jones, Steve Paquette, Pastor Paul Bauermeister, Nancy Buffum, Claudia Pico, Mike Sharitz, Andrew Sobey, Kim Stewart, Pastor Chris Naig, Morris Larson

Ron called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. He presented the agenda and the list of staff and team reports. Pastor Chris led with an opening prayer.

Members' Comments - Members comments continue to be favorable regarding the worship services and music program. The church picnic on Pentecost Sunday was well received, and the youth (and some adults) enjoyed the slip'n slide kickball. Everyone pitched in to help with this successful event, but special thanks to Pastor Chris, Amy and Greg Jones, Barb and Jon Trettel and Miguel Pico for the extra work and planning for this event. Rumor has it that Miguel and his grilling/smoking team (Rob Harper, Mike Sharitz) pulled an all-nighter preparing the meat.

Pastor's Report – Pastor has been busy with normal visits, as well as two pre-marriage counseling meetings. He will be taking a continuing education course in June. Vicki Dohrmann has agreed to attend the Synod Assembly in place of Ann Eissfeldt. There will be one Trinitell issued for the combined months of July/August.

June Council Meeting – Because of the conflict with Father's Day on June 17, the June Council meeting is being changed to Sunday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report - Steve reported the receipts in April were \$9,000 less than Budget. However, year-to date net income is \$25,000 favorable to budget.

Discussion of reports received from Staff and Teams:

Children's Ministries: The Sunday School year ended with the last class on May 20. Confirmation Sunday on May 6 was a huge success. The children's message is now a part of both the 9:00 and 11:15 services. The Youth Lock-In on April 21 was a fun event. Plans continue on the Vacation Bible School from July 16 – 20. Volunteers are needed to help with the VBS program. Preschool enrollment for the fall is going well. The Spring Social was a huge hit with the parents and children. A survey of Preschool parents showed that most parents strongly agree with the direction of the Preschool program.

Worship & Music: The Choir is taking a summer break. Brian will be advertising for players in a monthly or bi-monthly praise band for the 11:15 service. Jonathan Owen will begin playing regularly as organist beginning June 1.

Missional Service: Plans continue to develop regarding the God's Work, Our Hands Sunday on Sept. 9. The team will explore ways to address issues of race in our community. Good Shepherd Lutheran has developed a similar program, and Peggy

Schaefer has met with their Associate Pastor to discuss. More information will be presented in the July/August Trinitell.

Operation Services Committee (OSC): The Endowment Committee reception held May 10 at Bellerive Country Club was well attended. The Committee has set a target to grow the Endowment Fund to \$300,000 by year-end 2018 (current Fund balance is \$212,000). A 75" display screen is in the process of being installed in the rear of the sanctuary. New LED lights have been installed in the gym. The stovetop in the kitchen has been repaired. Phil Steinmeyer has agreed to help organize the kitchen and consider improvements. Alternative waste pickups (including recycling) are being reviewed. One roofer's estimate has been received for roof repair (foam-based roof) in the range of \$150,000 to \$175,000. Other estimates will be obtained and evaluated, along with how to fund the repairs. The mobile application (Tithe.ly) to process contributions from those members wanting to donate via Trinity's website has been tested successfully. The staff is preparing appropriate instructions to members wanting to use this application. Members will be able to continue using their current practice for donations (that is, offerings during the service, mailing checks to the church office, etc.) with no change. Steve Paquette and the Finance team are reviewing the current financial policies and procedures with a goal to provide guidelines to improve accounting practices going forward.

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

Old Business – Planning Process – The Executive Committee will meet in June to develop a schedule to reinstitute the planning process in an orderly transition.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.