

Church Council Meeting

Date of Meeting: February 15, 2016

Topic	Discussion Points to Note	Actions, Decisions, Recommendations
<p>Attendance</p>	<p>In attendance: President Sue Prescott, Vice President Kevin Rizzo, Secretary Denise Steele, Treasurer Jay Cessna, Ben Altman, Jennifer Bailey, Amanda Casteel, Tammy Crawford, Don Replogle, Jeremy Vent, Pastor Weinhold, Pastor Short Absent: Lois Boyer and Sandy Zembower</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Gathering, Call to Order, Welcome, and Prayer</p>	<p>President Sue Prescott called the meeting to order. Pastor Short offered welcome and opened with prayer.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Secretary's Report</p>	<p>Review of the January 10, 2016 meeting minutes submitted by Pastor Short.</p> <p>Review of the Annual Congregational meeting minutes on 12/20/2015 submitted by Lori Dunkle</p> <p>Correspondence – Thank you letters were received from the Gettysburg Seminary, Wheels Away Ministry, Camp Sequanota, several parishioners and friends, and the Trinity staff.</p>	<p>Motion made by Jay, Ben seconded to accept the minutes as presented, and approved unanimously by council.</p> <p>Reviewed by council and agreed that no changes were apparent at this time. Will be approved at 2016 annual congregational meeting.</p> <p>Correspondence was made available for council to read. Thank you from Trinity staff was for Christmas gifts.</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>The 4th Quarter 2015 financial reports were available for council, and had been reviewed at the January 2016 finance committee meeting.</p> <p>Jay Cessna highlighted various aspects of the accounts and funds. He noted that 2015 congregational giving was 7.5% higher than in 2014. Jay also informed the council that only ½ of the invested funds budgeted were utilized in 2015.</p>	<p>Motion made by Amanda and seconded by Tammy to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion approved unanimously.</p>
<p>Ministry Teams Reports & Updates</p> <p>**Please see individual committee reports for specific details and dates.</p>	<p><i>Worship and Music</i> – Jennifer Bailey & Lois Boyer</p>	<p>Palm splitting will be done the Saturday before Palm Sunday.</p> <p>The choir has returned to their original model with alternating Sundays and services with the bell choir on certain Sundays.</p> <p>A training session will be scheduled for Altar Guild to revisit the duties and placement.</p>

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<p>Ministry Teams Reports & Updates</p> <p>**Please see individual committee reports for specific details and dates.</p>	<p><i>Outreach – Kevin Rizzo & Denise Steele</i></p>	<p>Trinity gave over \$63,000 to the local and global community in 2015.</p> <p>Monthly special appeals and highlights were planned through October 2016.</p> <p>Changes and additions can be made as needed. Trinity will participate in the Bedford County Relay for Life on June 24th at Friendship Village.</p>

<p>Teams Reports & Updates</p> <p>**Please see individual committee reports for specific details and dates.</p>	<p><i>Property – Ben Altman & Jeremy Vent</i></p>	<p>The front/main entrance exterior light updates were completed.</p> <p>Painting of all restrooms, connecting halls and ceilings and the social room (done by Henderson’s Painting).</p> <p>Vinyl railing was installed on the front porch of the parish house.</p> <p>The pastor’s photo collage received new matting and framing, and was installed in Trinity Hall along with the framed historic deed for Trinity.</p>
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<p>Ministry Teams Reports & Updates</p> <p>**Please see individual committee reports for specific details and dates.</p>	<p><i>Executive Team – Sue Prescott, Kevin Rizzo, Denise Steele & Jay Cessna</i></p>	<p>No meeting has been needed or held to date in 2016.</p>
<p>Ad Hoc Teams Reports and Updates</p>	<p><i>Garden of the Resurrection</i></p> <p><i>Parish Musicians</i></p> <p><i>Liturgical Deacons</i></p> <p><i>Altar & Nave Renovation Team</i></p>	<p>This area was dedicated about one year ago, and there have been three internments. The area is being taken care of by members. There are about a dozen or so more members that are committed to using the Garden.</p> <p>The parish musicians have met and are planning upcoming events.</p> <p>They have had a meeting and are helping with visits to the homebound. The deacons have also been involved in funeral services if they knew the family. This team has been looking at many different alternatives and hopes to have some visual displays to share. There has already been over \$15,000 in gifts shared to go toward the upcoming renovations.</p>

<p>Pastoral Staff Reports and Updates</p> <p>**Many important upcoming dates - please see individual committee reports, bulletin, and website.</p>	<p>Pastor Weinhold & Pastor Short</p>	<p>Both pastors shared how their time has been devoted between regular and ongoing ministries of the congregation and community ministries.</p> <p>Pastor Weinhold highlighted the new group, Trinity Hikers, with 15 people participating in the first outing. He is serving as chairman for the Bedford Service Unit of the Salvation Army, and coordinated the Bedford Church Walk that was held in December 2015. Luther's catechism will be the focus of vespers during Lent, and electronic giving options will be explored.</p> <p>Pastor Short reported that he will be tracking baptisms, births, funerals/deaths, etc. during 2016. He continues to coordinate the free community dinners, and two new churches are considering joining in the rotation. There was good focus at the first round of ministry team meetings. The Inquirer's Dinner will be held the first Sunday in May, and council members are encouraged to attend. Thrivent Action Teams are a good resource to use with your ministry team.</p>
<p>Other Business</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Meeting Closed with Prayer</p>	<p>President Sue Prescott asked for motion to adjourn.</p> <p>Pastor Short led The Lord's Prayer</p>	<p>Jay made a motion to adjourn and Amanda seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>Next Council Meeting</p>		<p>Monday, May 23, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.</p>
<p>Minutes Submitted by: Denise Steele, Council Secretary February 20, 2016</p>		