

Church Council Meeting

Date of Meeting: May 23, 2016

Topic	Discussion Points to Note	Actions, Decisions, Recommendations
Attendance	In attendance: President Sue Prescott, Vice President Kevin Rizzo, Secretary Denise Steele, Treasurer Jay Cessna, Ben Altman, Jennifer Bailey, Lois Boyer, Amanda Casteel, Don Replogle, Jeremy Vent, Sandy Zembower , Pastor Short, and Pastor Weinhold Absent: Tammy Crawford	Noted
Gathering, Call to Order, Welcome, and Prayer	President Sue Prescott called the meeting to order. Pastor Short offered welcome and opened with prayer.	Noted
Secretary's Report	Review of the February 15, 2016 meeting minutes submitted by Denise Steele. Correspondence – None received to report at this time.	Motion made by Don, Ben seconded to accept the minutes as presented, and approved unanimously by council. Noted.
Treasurer's Report	The 1 st quarter 2016 financial reports were available for council, and had been reviewed at the April 2016 finance committee meeting. Jay Cessna reported that the state of the parish is very positive. He noted that congregational giving was up 7.3% from this time in 2015. He also informed the council that none of the vested funds budgeted have been utilized in 2016 to this point.	Motion made by Ben and seconded by Amanda to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion approved unanimously.
Ministry Teams Reports & Updates **Please see individual committee reports for specific details and dates.	<i>Worship and Music</i> – Jennifer Bailey & Lois Boyer	An usher team is needed for funerals, possibly having two people from the meal preparation group fill this role. More signage is needed to direct people inside the church. A training session will be held for Altar Guild before fall to revisit the duties and placement. The six deacons are serving well, and visit homebound parishioners. The Easter celebration was attended by about 113 people. The Altar Nave renovation team is pleased with progress so far, and is shooting to have all

		renovations completed in three years for Trinity's 250 th anniversary. Over \$15,000 in donations have been received by the church so far for this project.
Ministry Teams Reports & Updates **Please see individual committee reports for specific details and dates.	<i>Children and Youth</i> – Tammy Crawford & Sue Prescott	<p>Past events that went well include the Lent Day celebration, the Easter Egg hunt and the Easter celebration. Confirmation Sunday was held on May 15th with seven youth becoming members of the church.</p> <p>About 25 people attended the Children's Ministry dinner in May with discussion around topics including restructuring of Faith and Fun.</p> <p>Upcoming events include BHS Baccalaureate on May 22, Vacation Bible School in June, and Trinity's week at Camp Sequanota in July.</p>
Ministry Teams Reports & Updates **Please see individual committee reports for specific details and dates.	<i>Adult & All Parish</i> – Amanda Casteel & Sandy Zembower	<p>The Fastnacht Dinner went well to start Lent, and the Easter breakfast had over 100 people in attendance.</p> <p>An end-of-the-school-year celebration is being held on May 22nd along with Bedford's baccalaureate.</p> <p>Upcoming events include the photo scavenger hunt on July 26th at 6:00pm with teams doing a walking search within about a 2 block radius of the church. An ice cream social will conclude the event.</p> <p>The Summer wind down picnic will be held on August 21st at the Bedford Elks with games, food, bowling and swimming.</p> <p>All groups are doing well, and pillow case ministry will be moving to the Outreach committee.</p>
Ministry Teams Reports & Updates **Please see individual committee	<i>Outreach</i> – Kevin Rizzo & Denise Steele	For monthly special appeals, \$430 was collected for Youth Encounter in January, \$410 for ELCA World Hunger in February along with \$513 on Souper Bowl

<p>reports for specific details and dates.</p>		<p>Sunday, \$205 for Free Community Dinners in March, and \$130 for Your Safe Haven as of 4/18/16.</p> <p>Greeting cards are an on-going ministry averaging 8 cards per week. Three funeral luncheons have been held so far in 2016. Tome Ministry Funds have been designated for Camp Sequanota and two global disasters.</p> <p>The Inquirer's Dinner was well attended, and provided an opportunity to share information with new members of our church community.</p> <p>The free community dinners have nine churches involved in meal service with the possibility of two new churches being added to the rotation.</p>
<p>Ministry 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 freezer in the kitchen was replaced, and they are waiting on the availability of a matching refrigerator to replace the current one. A base cabinet was installed in the kitchenette to provide more storage for ALSM. Timers and exterior lights have been adjusted and reset. Black top is being extended on the back side of the church, and it is 90% complete.</p> <p>Quotes will be obtained for carpet cleaning in the halls, social room, downstairs and upholstery cleaning for the chairs.</p> <p>The committee will do a walk-through of the Sunday School rooms at their next meeting to determine some options for more storage.</p>
<p>Ministry Teams Reports & Updates</p> <p>**Please see individual committee reports for specific details and dates.</p>	<p><i>Finance & Stewardship – Jay Cessna & Don Replogle</i></p>	<p>As noted in the treasurer's report, there was a growth of 7.3% in regular offerings for the first quarter of 2016.</p> <p>The committee is looking into other options for electronic giving. At this time, "Simply Giving" is an available option. The budget was checked and committee spending is in line</p>

		<p>with where they should be at this time.</p> <p>There is no check writing options for the Thrivent money market accounts at this time.</p> <p>An in-house audit was done during the first quarter and went well. Some minor nomenclature issues were found and resolved but everything was in order.</p> <p>They are looking into the possible professional accounting services for payroll in the future.</p>
<p>Ministry Teams Reports & Updates</p> <p>**Please see individual committee reports for specific details and dates.</p>	<p><i>Executive Team</i> – Sue Prescott, Kevin Rizzo, Denise Steele & Jay Cessna</p>	<p>A meeting was held in May. The Paul B. Schendel Scholarship was discussed along with different options for use of Thrivent Choice dollars designated to Trinity.</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>During the first year, there have been five internments. The area is being well taken care of by members.</p> <p>The parish musicians meet three times a year with the next meeting in mid-August to plan upcoming events.</p> <p>There are six deacons with some people on break due to personal/family demands. They continue to provide lay Eucharistic ministry to home bound parishioners.</p> <p>This team has decided to slow down and follow their dreams. The goal is to have the renovations completed for Trinity's 250th anniversary. They are also looking at using one contractor for more of the renovations instead of several different people.</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 led 6 funerals so far this year, and joined the board of Camp Sequanota. He highlighted the communication chat with the Sunday School children in April; Confirmation Sunday on May 15th with 7 youth confirmed; the Children and Family Dinner in May to discuss expansion of Faith and Fun to include Chestnut Ridge; the Cave Quest theme for this year's Vacation Bible School; and exploration of electronic giving options.</p> <p>Pastor Short led 7 funerals so far this year, and noted Trinity's key role in the local Salvation Army and the large financial assistance offered to the community. He continues to coordinate the free community dinners, and work with the parish musicians. There was good focus at the second round of ministry team meetings. The Inquirer's Dinner went well.</p> <p>Upcoming events include Spring Sing on May 22nd along with BHS Baccalaureate that afternoon. The summer Sunday service schedule begins on May 29, 2016. He will be exploring accounting services for payroll along with the finance 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 Denise seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>Next Council Meeting</p>		<p>Monday, 8/22/16, 6:30 P.M.</p>
<p>Minutes Submitted by: Denise Steele, Council Secretary June 5, 2016</p>		

