

Trinity Lutheran Church – Church Council Orientation Meeting
Minutes of the 1/13/2019 Church Council Orientation & Planning Meeting

Topic	Discussion Notes	Actions
Call to Order & Prayer	Pr Short welcomed and thanked everyone for their willingness to serve and for their attendance at this afternoon's meeting. He led us in a gathering prayer.	Noted
All Members of the 2019 Church Council in Attendance	Tammy Crawford, Alice Corle, Lisa Hagenbuch, Wayne Hullihen, Toni Jackson, Wynn Leppert, Betsy Littlefield, May Lorah, Wayne Prescott, Carol Siegfried, Rick Smith, Laura Vent, Pr Weinhold & Pr Short	Noted
Introductions	Council Members worked in small groups, getting to know one another, and introducing one another to the group.	Noted
The Mission of the Church	We shared in a discussion re: the Mission of the Church, especially in light of the Scriptures... Teach, Evangelize, Welcome, Serve, Defend, Feed, Nurture.	Noted
Evaluated & discussed Trinity's Assets and Strengths	Responses included: "a talented and resourceful church family"; Worship Life; Musicians; Children & Family Ministries (SCS, VBS, F&F); Youth Opportunities; Adult Opportunities (various & numerous Learning & Fellowship events); Outreach, esp Winter Clothes, Free Community Dinner, Partnership w/ Salvation Army and ALSM; Well-Maintained Facilities and devoted "Property Team"; Generosity of Time, Talents, and Financial Resources; competence & commitment of staff/personnel and stability, commitment and leadership models of Pastors.	Noted
Evaluated & Discussed Trinity's recent Challenges and Changes	Responses included: Parish House Fire (2011), 250 th Altar & Nave Renovation, commitment to children/youth ministries	Noted
Evaluated Trinity's Future (potential) Challenges	Responses included: Availability of quality musicians, awareness of evolving social and cultural norms, "time", access to pastoral leadership, ensuring /maintaining continuation of strong ministries	Noted
Decision Making Resources	Scripture, Tradition, Prayer (Consensus, faithful, Mission-focused, Logic & Reason, Deference to the weak...	Noted
	The Meeting paused to enjoy some healthy light refreshments	
Leadership Gifts	Council discussed qualities of strong and effective leaders ~ including support, resources, encouragement, building, involvement, et al.	Noted
Elected 2019 Officers	President: Wynn Leppert Vice President: Rick Smith Secretary: Tammy Crawford Treasurer: Wayne Prescott	With nominations being properly made and seconded, and nominees present and accepting, council elected (unanimously) this year's Executive Officers.
Established 2019 Ministry Team Co-Leaders	<u>Worship & Music:</u> Lisa Hagenbuch & Mary Lorah	Council Members negotiated and agreed upon leadership

	<p><u>Children & Youth:</u> Tammy Crawford & Laura Vent</p> <p><u>Adult & All-Parish:</u> Alice Corle & Betsy Littlefield</p> <p><u>Outreach:</u> Toni Jackson & Carol Seigfreid</p> <p><u>Property:</u> Wayne Hullihen & Wynn Leppert</p> <p><u>Finance:</u> Wayne Prescott & Rick Smith</p>	responsibilities for 2019 Ministry Teams
Ad Hoc Teams	Current Ad Hoc Teams, coordinated by Pr Short, are: Garden of the Resurrection, Parish Musicians, Liturgical Deacons, 250 th Anniversary and Audit	Noted
Authorization for Conduction Financial & Banking	The motion was made to authorize Pr Short to act on behalf of the congregation re: banking and financial affairs.	Properly moved and seconded, the motion carried unanimously
2018 Council Meetings:	Monday, February 25; 6:00 pm Monday, May 20; 6:00 pm Monday, August 26; 6:00 pm Monday, November 18; 6:00 pm	Reviewed and Affirmed. Noted "6:00 pm" start time.
1st Round of 2019 Ministry Team Meetings	Monday, January 21: ... 6:00 pm – Finance ... 7:00 pm – Property Monday, January 28 ... 6:00 pm - Worship & Music ... 7:00 pm – Outreach Tuesday, January 29 ... Children & Youth ... Adult & All-Parish	Reviewed and Affirmed.
Committee Recruitment & Coordination	Discussed recruiting and organizing ministry team. Pastors will create and provide meeting agendas. Council Members asked to create minutes from each meeting, and forward to Pastor (preferably) within 48 hours of each meeting	Council Members will contact current team members, thank them for their service and invite them to continue. Then, Council Members will recruit, as necessary, to create a team of 10-12 parishioners.
Special Upcoming Dates	Tuesday, March 5: Fastnacht Dinner Sunday, June 16: Special 250 th Anniversary Events Sunday, December 22; Annual Congregational Meeting: 9:30 am	Noted. Betsy will provide updates re: serving the Fastnacht Dinner.
2019 Offering Stewards	After discussion re: the ongoing viability of our current model, the following Offering Steward Schedule was created for the first half of the year: January: Alice Corle & Betsy Littlefield February: Mary Lorah & Wynn Leppert March: Betsy Littlefield & Laura Vent April: Tammy Crawford & Wayne Prescott May: Lisa Hagenbuch & Rick Smith June: Toni Jackson & Carol Siegfried July: Wayne Hullihen & Wynn Leppert	After study & review by the Finance Team in early 2019, a decision will be made re: the management of weekly Sunday offerings.
Photos	Pr David took photos of 2019 Church Council and Ministry Team Co-Leaders	Noted
Adjourned to Dinner at Hoss's	The meeting adjourned, at 4:30 pm, to dinner, joined by spouses and guests, at Hoss's.	Noted
Minutes prepared by Pr Short 1/14/2019		