

Trinity Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2019

Members Present: Alice Corle, Tammy Crawford, Lisa Hagenbuch, Wayne Hullihen, Toni Jackson, Wynn Leppert, Betsy Littlefield, Mary Lorah, Carol Seigfreid, Rick Smith, Laura Vent, Pr Weinhold, Pr Short. Absent: Wayne Prescott

TOPIC	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTIONS
Call to Order, Welcome & Gathering Prayer	Pr Short shared a word of thanks with all Council members and led a gathering prayer.	President Wynn Leppert called the meeting to order at 5:58 pm
Discussion – “Warm is the New Cool – Congregations that are Growing Young”	Discussed the research of Pr Luecke, re: congregations which are not aging into extinction, but are continuing to see growth among younger persons. Identified characteristics such as welcoming, accepting, belonging, authentic, hospitable, caring, and communities which create space for people to be together and nurture relationships”. Council members share their own experiences.	
Secretary’s Report	Minutes of 11/19/19 Council Meeting, 12/23/18 Annual Congregation Meeting, and 1/1/19 Council Orientation Meeting were presented.	Properly moved/2 nd , the minutes of the two council minutes were approved as presented. The minutes of the congregational meeting were reviewed and acknowledged.
Treasurer’s Report	The Financial Report of 1/1-12/31/2018 was presented and reviewed. Pr Short expressed thanks and acknowledged the strong and generous financial support of parishioners and friends in 2018. He explained the corrected 1/1/2018 in the Parish Ministry and Designated Benevolence Accounts and led a review of all accounts.	Properly moved/2 nd , the financial report was approved as presented.
Reflection on 12/23/18 Annual Meeting, Constitution & Bylaws, 1/13/19 Council Orientation Event.	Appreciate the Power Point format for the meeting, consider greater involvement of council members during reports. 2-year process for adopting the new constitution went well. Continue to find the Orientation Event useful.	
Ministry Team Reports:		
Worship & Music	Lisa Hagenbugh referred to the meeting minutes of 1/28/2019 and highlight harvest decorating event, good Family Festival schedule, Christmas Decorating, revised Christmas Liturgy schedule, and upcoming Holy Week/Easter liturgies.	
Children & Youth	Tammy Crawford referred to the meeting minutes of 1/29/2019, and highlighted Faith & Fun Club, Children’s participation in the Family Festival Cantata, Upcoming Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt, Confirmation, Summer VBS, and clarifying announcement of Sunday School “Snow Days”.	
Adult & All Parish	Alice Corle referred to the meeting minutes of 1/29/2019, and reviewed all event, dates, and times.	

Outreach	Carol Seigfreid referred to the meeting minutes of 1/28/2019 and highlighted recent grants of the Tome Ministry Fund, Strong support of the Salvation Army Kettle Drive, Upcoming Bedford Lenten Luncheons, and the designated offerings which were shared during 2018.	
Property	Wayne Hulihan referred to the meeting minutes of 1/21/2019, and highlighted upgrades to the trims and seals of the narthex doors, issues related to adequate hot water supply, oversight of the Garden of the Resurrection, agreements for monitoring the security alarm and a new team of responders, and the need for closers to be repaired on numerous doors.	
Finance & Stewardship	Rick Smith referred to the meeting minutes of 1/21/2019 and highlighted the review of the financial reports of 12/31/18, matters related to the congregations IRS employee withholding tax compromise agreement, a new approach to our audit team, and recent all-parish mailing regarding 2018 ministries and thanks for individual gifts.	
Ad Hoc Teams		
Parish Musicians	Musicians met in January for review and planning. Noted 5/5/2019 commissioned cantata for Choir & Orchestra for 250 th Anniversary Year.	
Liturgical Deacons	Continue to serve. Will meet next in March	
250 th Anniversary Planning	Enjoying the year and the fruits of our 2 years of planning. Looking forward to upcoming guests: Pr Bill DeHass (3/3/19), Pr Steve Lynn (Easter, 2019), Bp Matthew Riegel (6/16/2019). Discussed congregational funding for the team's expenses.	Properly moved/2 nd , a motion was presented to allocate up to \$6,000 for the 250 th Planning Team to use toward upcoming events, particularly the celebration of 6/16/2019. Motion Carried.
Financial Audit	Pr Short referred to the minutes/report of the 2/18/19 meeting. Expressed thanks to the team members and noted the intentions to design clear and standard practices.	
Pastoral Staff Reports & Updates	Pr Weinhold referred to his report of 2/25/2019 and highlighted various details.	
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Other Business	FYI ~ Rick Smith noted the history of the name of "Mann's Choice", in light of our discussion of the Job Mann Trust earlier in the meeting.	
Adjourned	The Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. Council members prayed the Lord's Prayer together before departing.	President Wynn Leppert declared the meeting adjourned.
Prepared by Pr Short 2/26/2019		