

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes, December 5th, 2018

Members Present: Byron Giese, Jodee Erickson, Jason Anderson, Becky Woitte, Laura Hulterstrum, Daren Schuerman, Hans Helgenset, Mark Grussing, Bill Hoberg, Pastor Art.

The meeting was called to order by President Byron at 7:05 pm.

Devotion: Pastor Art gave a devotion based on a verse from 2 Timothy that says that God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power, love, and self-control. This verse inspires to think about what we can do with our ministry at Trinity.

Pastor's Report: The Reuben and Sharon Hanson Memorial Angel is now at the church and will be stored upstairs until it is determined where to display it. The video system has been implemented successfully. The installation company has been back to the church to help work out a few issues. Shelly Mikkelson and Pastor Art have been working on producing the slides for the video presentations. Anyone who is interested in learning the software can load the software onto their own computer and work on presentations at home. Additional communion servers will be needed for the Christmas Eve worship service at 5:00. Becky and Hans will help with his. Pastor Art will be taking a vacation days tomorrow through Saturday of this week.

Additions: Used Lights

Reports:

Church Council Secretary's Report: Reviewed and accepted via email.

Church Financial Secretary's Report: The church received a gift of \$1,000 from Tim and Laura Edman in memory of Harold and Sylvia Johnson. This will be put in the General Fund as was done in the past two years. Mark made a motion to approve the report, Daren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Church Treasurer's Report: The video system has been paid for except for the items that have not been purchased yet. Commitments have not all been made yet. Hans made a motion to approve the report, Jason seconded the motion. Motion carried. Byron entertained a motion for Pastor Art's housing allowance of \$28,000 for 2019. Daren made a motion to approve the housing allowance, Jodee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board of Education and Youth: Did not meet. The Sunday School Christmas program will be during the church service on December 16th.

Back Pack Program: Did not meet.

Outreach and Community Relations: Did not meet.

Property and Grounds: Repairs done in both downstairs bathrooms. Weather stripping to furnace room door. Repaired drinking faucet in kitchen and mopboard in narthex. Changed three bulbs in the sanctuary to LED. Removed ice buildup on street from sump pump drainage in parsonage. Checked vent in NE bedroom of parsonage.

Working on replacing tattered flag outside. Lights in sacristy have been lowered. Discussed parsonage tree removal estimates. Council tabled a decision.

Stewardship and Finance: The team met to discuss the budget for 2019. The team will meet in the next month to look at the budgets and giving throughout the last five to ten years. They are looking at proposing a budget that reflects the current giving situation. They will have a budget ready to approve at the next council meeting in January. The balance of the Endowment Fund is \$32,282.09.

Worship and Music: The video system is up and running and we are working through the little things that come up. Pastor has done a great job of putting together the slides to be used on Sunday mornings! Thanks! We have formed a spreadsheet to share the information for each Sunday so we as a committee, know what still needs to be done on the slides. We will also take turns running the program for Sunday morning worship. We are working on making up the slides that go with the services and that includes typing the liturgy, and hymns. We will have these in a file once they are all completed so as time goes on, our job will become easier! If anyone is interested in doing the Sunday “clicking”, please contact one of the committee members or the church office. The Scripture and Song service was great and got us all in the Christmas spirit!

Shout Outs: Brian McNeill- Men’s Study Group Leader, Decorating Committee - Advent decorations

Old business: Roof repair- The estimate from a local contractor for 30 year shingles on the parsonage and garage is \$14,900. The estimate for 30 year shingles for the church is \$50,000 or steel roof is \$90,000. These will be presented at the Annual Meeting in January.

New business: - The computer needs to be replaced or upgraded in the church office. The computer was purchased approximately four years ago and is running on Windows 7. Becky made a motion to replace the church office computer, Mark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Niels will be gone December 21-31. Rosy Peterson will fill in for this time, except for Sunday, December 23rd. The church will need to be opened on this day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- January Newsletter articles due December 17
- Annual report articles due on December 31
- Next Council Meeting January 2, 2019 at 7 pm
- Annual meeting January 20, 2019 at 10 am
- Email agenda items by December 26

Daren made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jodee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted with Council approval by Laura Hulterstrem