

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes, January 2nd, 2019

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

The meeting was called to order by President Byron at 7:10

Devotion: Pastor Art tested us on our knowledge of the Christmas story in the Bible.

Pastor's Report: There have been some changes to the Confirmation classes. The 7th grade class will be meeting at 4:30 and the 8th and 9th grade classes will be meeting at 5:40, with supper for all of the students between sessions at 5:20. Pastor Art is registered to attend two continuing education events during the month of January: a coaching workshop January 13-15 in Alexandria and "Canoeing the Mountains" January 24-25 in Eden Prairie. The annual "Equipping Congregations Day" will be held Saturday, February 23rd at Bethel and Vinge Lutheran Churches in Willmar.

Registration is \$80/Congregation or \$30/Individual before February 1st and is now open. Lilly Endowment Inc. has awarded grants of \$250,000 to both the Southwestern Minnesota Synod and the New Jersey Synod of the ELCA to sustain the work they are doing.

Additions: There are no additions to the agenda.

Reports:

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

Church Financial Secretary's Report: Stacy made a motion to approve the Financial Secretary's Report. Hans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Church Treasurer's Report: Mark made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jason seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board of Education and Youth: Did not meet.

Back Pack Program: There are approximately 25 students less this year. \$500 was given to the Angel Fund for milk and cookies. Everything is going well with packing food bags each week.

Outreach and Community Relations: Did not meet.

Property and Grounds:

All the lights in the sanctuary were changed to LED bulbs. Additional LED bulbs were donated by a church member and installed in the bathrooms and upstairs hallway. All furnace filters were changed. Non-working furnace repaired by Craig's. New computer and small printer for the office ordered and received. We will fill out the paperwork for the City of Benson for reimbursement by changing to LED lights.

Stewardship and Finance: The committee has been working on the budget for 2019.

Worship and Music: Did not meet. The committee welcomes any feedback on the slide presentation for Sunday services. This will help us as we continue to create the slides.

Shout Outs: -Nathan Pederson and Shelly Mikkelson, Directors for the Scripture and Song service

-Julie McNeill and Laura Hulterstrum, Directors for the Sunday School Christmas Program

-TIDES and Altar Guild - beautifully decorated church

Jason made a motion to approve the Shout Outs. Jodee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

The Annual Meeting agenda was presented. Hans made a motion to approve the agenda. Mark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Budget: The proposed budget was presented. Stacy made a motion to approve the proposed budget and recommend it to the congregation subject to changes discussed. Jodee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolutions: The resolutions will stand as printed.

Becky made a motion to hold a special council meeting January 20th after the Annual Meeting to elect officers. Stacy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Annual meeting January 20
- Special council meeting January 20 after Annual Meeting to elect officers
- February Newsletter articles due January 21
- Next Council Meeting February 6, 2019 at 7 pm
- Email agenda items by January 23

Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laura seconded the motion. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.