

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 6, 2019 COUNCIL MINUTES

Members Present:

Brian McNeill, Byron Giese, Mark Grussing, Laura Hulterstrum, Stacy Lindahl, Hans Helgenset, Jodee Erickson, Becky Woitte, Jason Anderson, and Pastor Art.

Welcome by President Brian McNeill

Devotions by Pastor Art from the last few verses of Matthew, Chapter 7 which talked about building your house upon a rock. Pastor Art showed us a book entitled *Canoeing the Mountains* by Tod Bolsinger. Pastor Art described the book as relating to the Lewis and Clark expedition where the explorers did not know what lay ahead and how we don't know what is ahead for us and how to cope with a future that is different. He will purchase a book for each council member and we will discuss the book at future meetings. Pastor Art also read a letter from a minister who had attended a mega church (1000+ in attendance) and how it is different than a smaller church, i.e. no paper handed out; multiple invitations to different types of small groups with emphasis on newcomers; simple service; young pastors who dressed casually; and, no envelopes for giving – all electronic.

Pastor's Report -Pastor Art had four continuing education days in January. He and Bryon will be attending the Glacial Ridge Conference Assembly on March 3 at St. Paul's Church in Lowry. Pastor Art and Byron will attend the Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Annual Meeting on February 12 at Green Lake Bible Camp. The annual Equipping Congregation Days is February 23 at Bethel and Vinge Churches in Willmar. Pastor Art's full report will be posted on the bulletin board.

Nine people have signed up for an emailed newsletter. We need at least 200 pieces of mail for bulk mail. Pam mailed 211 newsletters this month.

Additions to the Agenda

- High chairs
- Soup Suppers
- Greeters

Reports:

Secretary-January 2 minutes reviewed and approved by email. Laura read the January 20 organizational meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Byron. Second by Stacy. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary-Clarify with Pam the gift in memory of Viola Schuerman and Clinton Schuerman, not just Clinton Schuerman. Brian will check in with Pam about adding Viola to the gift. Motion to approve report by Mark. Second by Laura. Motion passed.

Treasurer- Motion to approve by Stacy. Second by Jodee. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Board of Education and Youth-The youth mission trip will be to Kansas City in July. Julie McNeill and Jamie Moe are the chaperones.

Outreach and Community Relations-Rochelle Peterson is a new committee member. They discussed where to donate money. Places they are considering: Clean Water in Cameroon, Sleep in Heavenly Peace (make bunk beds), Eagle's Nest (serves veterans), Bible Translators, Swift County-Benson Health Services and Scandi Haven, debt reduction for pastors, and God's Gifts for Grace (ministerial fund).

Backpack Program-Struggling with the weather/school closings as backpacks are packed on Wednesdays and sent home on Fridays. Approximately 70 children are served by the program.

Property and Grounds-Additional lights upstairs changed to LED. Woittes filled out paperwork for rebate from the City of Benson. Estimate rebate amount between \$111 and \$240. Niels found dead hornets upstairs. Checking to see where they got in.

Stewardship and Finance-Endowment Fund balance as of 12-31-18 - \$31,205.60. Received \$21,122.58 on 1-29-19 from the Clarence Lageson estate. Hans made a motion that the Endowment Committee be incorporated into the Stewardship Committee and still operate under the same bylaws with four committee members and one council member. Second was made by Stacy. Motion passed.

Worship and Music-Looking for people to help with video prep and running video during church. Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. Several confirmation students have volunteered. Several people have volunteered to help type. Training will be provided. Pastor Art said there are some problems with the computer. He will meet with the video installers on Monday, February 11.

Shout Out --Sarah Circle for providing the roses for baptisms. Mark Grussing, Anna McNeill, Taylor Duncan, Mason Moe, Elise Duncan, and Kermit Overlie for their video presentation, *The Super Soul*. Jodee Erickson will take over the thank you notes.

Old Business:

Distribution of the Lageson money per the approved gift policy is as follows:

First donation of \$169,501.89

Charitable Organization 10% = \$16,950.19

Remainder of \$152,551.70 divided:

25% - Community Outreach = \$38,137.93

 10% Global = \$15,255.17

 15% Local = 22,822.76

15% - Endowment = \$22,882.75

35% - Building and Grounds = \$53,393.10

 25% Large = \$38,137.92

 10% Furniture = \$15,255.18

5% - Marketing = \$7,627.58

10% - Transportation = \$15,255.17

10% - Emergency = \$15,255.17

Already distributed: \$16,950.19 to Trinity Church (charitable organization)

 \$14,000.00 – Video System

Byron made the motion that the \$14,000 given to the video system will be taken from the following accounts equally, Building and grounds-furniture; Marketing; and Outreach and Community Relations-local. Second by Hans

Second Donation of \$21,122.58

Charitable Organization 10% = \$2,112.25

Remainder of \$19,010.33 divided:

25% Community Outreach = \$4,752.58

 10% Global = \$1,901.03

 15% Local = \$2,851.45

15% Endowment = \$2,851.56
35% Building and Grounds = \$6,653.62
25% Large = \$4,752.58
10% Furniture = \$1,901.04

5% Marketing = \$950.51
10% Transportation = \$1,901.03
10% Emergency = \$1,901.03

Mark made a motion to donate the \$2,112.25 Charitable Organization portion to Swift County-Benson Health Foundation. Second by Laura. Motion passed. Byron made a motion to send the money earmarked for endowment from both gifts to the Trinity Endowment fund as undesignated with the proceeds to come back to Trinity. Second by Mark. Motion passed. Mark will work with Pam and Bill to have this done.

Roofing Project-Jason Anderson will be the project manager for the new roofs. He will find people to be on the committee with him. We are under a time constraint to have the roofing done by the end of the year. Jason will contact a vendor and report back next month. The council thanked Jason for taking on this project.

Greeters-It was asked if we were going to continue with greeters on Sundays. Bryon advised that we are not.

New Business:

High Chairs-The high chairs at the church are old and inadequate. Becky made a motion to spend up to \$200 for two new high chairs and two boosters. Second by Mark. Motion passed.

Soup Suppers-The mission trip crew will be serving three soup suppers during Lent. It was asked if committee members would like to serve one of the three open Lenten nights to raise money for their committee. Committees will report back next month.

Informational

Motion was made, seconded and passed that Jeff, Jessica and Liam Anderson be accepted into membership to Trinity Lutheran from West Zion Welcome!

Announcements:

- March Newsletter articles due February 18
- Next Council Meeting March 6, 2019 after Lenten service
- Email agenda items by February 27, 2019

Adjourned by President Brian at 8:20 pm. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Becky Woitte, Council Secretary