

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes, March 6, 2019

Members Present: Brian McNeill, Byron Giese, Jason Anderson, Jodee Erickson, Stacy Lindahl, Laura Hulterstrum, Mark Grussing, Bill Hoberg, Hans Helgense, Pastor Art

The meeting was called to order by President Brian at 7:45.

Devotion: The Ash Wednesday church service served as our devotion for the evening.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Art attended the "Equipping Congregations Day" on February 23rd in Willmar. Pastor Art and Byron attended the annual meeting of the GLLM corporation on February 19th at Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer. The Bible camp has recovered from its financial crisis of a few years ago and is looking forward to programming growth in the next few years. Pastor Art and Byron also attended the Glacial Ridge Conference Assembly on March 3rd in Lowry. Byron continues to serve as the conference treasurer. The council members will be reading and discussing the book "Canoeing in the Mountains."

Additions: There are no additions to the agenda.

Reports:

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

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

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

Committee Reports:

Board of Education and Youth: Did not meet. Serving groups and council committees have signed up to serve soup suppers in Lent. TIDES will be organizing and serving the Easter Breakfast.

Outreach and Community Relations: The Outreach Committee is recommending the following distribution of Lageson funds per the Gift Policy approved at the Annual Meeting: one-third of the money to local charities, video system at Trinity (\$4,666.67 paid in 2018 - pre-gift policy), Sleep in Heavenly Peace (\$1,000 to pay in April through ROCK project), Eagle's Nest - Veterans (\$1,000 in honor of Verna Quandt), and Swift County Food Shelf (\$1,000 given in March to get matching funds); one-third of the money to global charities, \$3,000 to Wycliff Bible Translators, \$2,000 to God's Gift of Grace educational debt reduction for pastors, and \$1,000 to Clean Water Project in Cameroon; and \$20,000, divided into \$13,000 for local charities and \$7,000 for global charities, to be invested for one year. There was a motion to approve this distribution of funds made by Mark. Hans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Historical Society has agreed to take the old altar as soon as we can get it to them.

Property and Grounds: There is an estimate for the parking lot of \$6.50-\$7.00 per square foot.

Stewardship and Finance: The committee has checked with local banks about investing excess funds in CD's. Co-op Credit Union offers a 14 month CD at 2.58% and Bank of the West offers a money market account for \$25,000 at 2.05%. The committee is proposing to transfer \$168,354.75 into a money market account at Bank of the West. This includes \$36,527.03 from the Roofing Fund, \$55,380.05 in the Building and Grounds Fund, \$38,223.84 in the Community Outreach Fund, \$17,156.20 in the Emergency Fund, \$3,911.43 in the Marketing Fund, and \$17,156.20 in the Transportation Fund. This account will have signers of Mark Grussing, Brian McNeill, and Byron Giese. Stacy made a motion to transfer the full amount to a money market account. Jodee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Endowment: A recommendation by the Endowment Committee was made for the 2019 distribution of Endowment Funds. 90%, \$1,264.00 to Global Health Ministries and 10%, \$140.00 to the Youth Mission Trip this summer to

Kansas City. Byron made a motion to designate money to both Global Health Ministries and the Youth Mission Trip. Stacy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Worship and Music: The Worship and Music Committee will meet next week. Four people have been trained to enter data into the video system program. Three of these people have computers that are compatible with the software. Tricorne replaced the transistor for the left TV which seems to be working fine. The committee will be discussing Lenten and Easter services as well as summer special music. The committee is hoping to change up the services a bit per the wishes of the Cottage Meetings.

Shout Outs: Rick Hoffman for snow removal and Niels Unke for janitorial duties

Old Business:

- Committees were asked to take a week for serving Lenten soup suppers. The Men's Bible Study will take March 27th and Outreach will take April 3rd.
- Jason reported on the roofing project. He has gathered information with assistance from congregational members. There are many options for steel roofing as well as for insulation. Jason has done some research on how installing insulation would significantly affect heating expenses. He has been in contact with Ray Barth of Redwood Falls who has done some work in Benson. Stacy made a motion to hold a special meeting to share more information from Ray Barth. Hans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

- The council received a letter of resignation from Niels Unke from janitorial duties. His last day will be March 15th. Brian will reach out to another candidate from the first round of interviews to see if this person would still be interested in the position. Jodee made a motion to approve the resignation. Mark seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- There was an inquiry made about renting the parsonage for one month. The council has decided that we are not interested in renting at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- April Newsletter articles due March 18
- Next Council Meeting April 3 following the Lenten service
- Email agenda items by March 27

President Brian adjourned the meeting.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Hultstrum