

**** SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL AT IT'S NEXT MEETING ****

TRINITY LUTHERAN CONGREGATION COUNCIL

March 13, 2024 • 7:30 p.m.

OPENING BUSINESS:

The Trinity Lutheran Congregation Council meeting was called to order by President, Kim Kapplinger at 7:40pm on March 13, 2024.

Pr. Elizabeth opened the meeting with a prayer.

Members Present:

Pr. Elizabeth, Sheri Allen, Lorilyn Dehning, Kim Kapplinger, Heather Gray, Autumn Wiste, Steve Nelson, Jerald Oakes, David Storlie, Jacque Wennes (phone), Lori Wilhelmson, Mary Zaffke, Jessi Strinmoen. Absent Betty Dokken.

Secretary's Report for February 14, 2024 was read, edited, and approved. Heather Gray made a motion to approve the secretary minutes, seconded by David Storlie. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (placed on file) Motion to approve as read by Lori Wilhelmson, seconded by Mary Zaffke. Motion carried

STAFF REPORTS: NO REPORTS SUBMITTED WITH COUNCIL PACKETS.

Pastor Elizabeth announced her resignation as of June 2024. She feels this will be a good time to look at what the mission of Trinity will be going forward. A letter will be mailed to congregation members Thursday. She will be moving to Golden Valley, MN.

Pastor Lane - no report

TEAM REPORTS:

Care Ministry (Autumn Wiste)

Moving backpack/HIP restocking to Trinity Center. Held a craft day at Trinity Center. Will be scheduling more events like this.

Communications (Mary Zaffke)

Great team - small but mighty - working on making a new church directory. More information to come.

Education (Heather Gray)

Team met and prepared for upcoming events: 1st Communion Classes, Easter Brunch, Senior Recognition and looking ahead to Vacation Bible School, Day Camp, and Confirmation Camp. More to come in following months.

Finance (Jacque Wennes)

ERC monies remain with no date for receiving remaining funds, window payment is due, Trinity Center garage rental to be determined.

Outreach (Jessi Strinmoen)

The group met and planned their calendar. Possible bus trip in the works.

Mission In the World (David Storlie)

Team has not met

Property (Jerald Oaks)

Met after serving Lenten supper. Working to refine and prioritize priority list of repairs. Getting quotes.

Staffing (Betty Dokken)

Absent, sent report - working on finding a Youth Director - attending job fairs and increased advertising for position.

After Easter will start staff reviews.

Stewardship (Sheri Allen)

Group has not met

Worship (Lori Wilhelmson)

Great group, currently preparing for St. Patrick's Day meal at 5:30 that day. Started as a way to relieve loneliness and help people reconnect after covid. Currently preparing for Holy Week activities and services. Will be holding a job fair for readers, ushers, altar guild and other positions needed volunteers.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:**1. Garage rental with SG Public School**

Jacque Wennes made a motion to raise the rent to \$1,200 year for Trinity Center garage for two bays. Approx. 19' x 26' area. Seconded by Heather Gray. Motion passed. Jacque, Jerald and David Selness will work on a rental agreement and insurance coverage language.

NEW BUSINESS:**1. Graveyard mapping**

Discussion was held to have the graveyard on the church grounds professionally mapped so we know where the graves are for any future work that might take place. A motion was made by Lorilyn Dehning and seconded by Sheri Allen to have Ron Shermer do the project for \$7,149.67 and the funds be paid from Special Accounts building fund for the project. Motion passed.

2. Emergency Shelter for Trailer Court residents

Heather Gray and Lori Wilhelmson made a motion to approve the use of Trinity Church as an emergency shelter for the trailer park residents now that Northern Engraving is no longer an option (request came from the City). Motion passed. City of Spring Grove and Sherriff's department will be made aware of usage.

3. Council Retreat at Good Earth Village

Discussion was held with no date set. TBD at a later meeting

4. Flat roof quotes

Jerald reported Property Team is taking quotes to repair the flat roof on the church. They are waiting on three quotes: Andy Allen Construction, WHV out of Winona, and Krause Construction.

5. Restoration of Pews

Jerald Oakes made a motion to accept the offer from Mark and Betty Dokken for the restoration/repairs of the church pews. Seconded by Lorilyn Dehning. Motion passed. The pews will be sandblasted and refinished. Four pews will be done at a time with donated labor from various members and groups. Project is expected to take 12 months. Jerald will work with Dokken's on this project. Thank you Mark and Betty.

LORD'S PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

- Lori Wilhelmson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mary Zaffke seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m., followed by The Lord's Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING DATES:

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MARCH 24, 28, 29, 31

Submitted by *Lorilyn Dehning*