

TRINITY LUTHERAN CONGREGATION COUNCIL

April 12, 2023 • 7:30 p.m.

OPENING BUSINESS:

The Trinity Lutheran Congregation Council meeting was called to order by President, Kim Kapplinger, at 7:30 p.m. on April 12, 2023.

Kim opened the meeting with a prayer.

Members Present:

Pr. Elizabeth, Betty Dokken, Terry Holland, Michelle Jahnke, Kim Kapplinger, Bethany Moen, Laurie Moen, Leonard (Lenny) Myrah, Steve Nelson, Jerald Oakes (via phone), David Storlie, Jacque Wennes (via FaceTime), Lori Wilhelmson, Mary Zaffke

Secretary's Minutes for March 8, 2023 were read. Bethany made a motion to approve the secretary's minutes, seconded by Betty. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (placed on file) Highlights listed below. Lenny made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Terry. Motion carried.

March 1, 2023 balance	\$18,746.85
51 credits	\$34,252.37
37 debits	\$33,761.69
March 31, 2023 ending balance	\$19,237.53
3 outstanding checks	\$1,505.55
March 31, 2023 balance	\$17,731.98

STAFF REPORTS:

Pastor Elizabeth (see attachment)
Pastor Lane (see attachment)
Kerri Jahnke (see attachment)

TEAM REPORTS:

Care Ministry (Laurie)

- Volunteers have signed up for the pantry and HIP.

Communications (Mary)

- Time and Talents will be presented on April 23 at worship.

Education (Bethany)

- See Kerri's report.

Finance (Jacque)

- Jacque will meet with Lorilyn concerning the \$6,000 expenditure on the financials under "Tuck Pointing" special account line item the week of 4-7-23 and report back to finance team and to the council in May.
- Continuing to explore options for replacing the office printer.

- Kathy Overland and Sheri Allen completed the audit of WELCA, Mission, Scholarship, and Heritage Endowments for the 2022 year since each endowment gets their year-end balance towards the end of January. Going forward, the Finance Team motioned that the November totals for the Endowments will be used for the Annual Report so the information can be given to the congregation in the formal Annual Report and not delay the turnover of team members.
- Portico benefits for Pastor Elizabeth and Kerri were discussed and Jacque will be meeting with Betty Dokken (Staffing Team) to clearly state which benefits are paid by church and which by the employee.

Property (Jerald)

- Jerald has a bid for concrete work for the elevator entrance but will put this on hold due to fixing the steeple.
- Jerald talked to Scott Rask (Lansing, IA) who gave a bid on the steeple for \$92K. Jerald also talked to Jason Crawly (Coon Valley, WI) who's 95% of work is for churches. His bid is \$80.5K. Jason Crawly is booked until October. We will need to do some fundraising for the steeple and have a congregational meeting.
- Property Team will be putting some ground rods in.
- Jerald feels we have adequate insurance for our properties.

Staffing (Betty)

- In-person evaluations will be May 2-10. The respective team lead will be at the evaluations.

Stewardship (Lenny)

- Team has not met.
- Lenny had Marlene and Stewart put together a step graph showing how many units gave a certain amount in 2022. We have 240 giving units. Lenny will be meeting with the team to discuss making a plan to have a discussion with the congregation. If all giving units increase by 1%, Trinity would be in good shape.

Worship (Lori)

- Worship Team will be going through décor to see what to keep and what to recycle.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Trinity Center and Release Time Committee update
 - Black Hammer does not want to be a part of the Trinity Center and Release Time Committee
 - No other church has responded to Pr. Elizabeth's invitation to join the committee.
 - Next meeting is Sunday, April 23, 2023
2. Waste Management update
 - Waste Management did not take the dumpster. Received another bill for \$500.00 from Waste Management. They say we cannot cancel the contract until August, but we can change the contract to an on-call contract. Jerald changed the contract to on-call which should be at no charge. We will not be calling Waste Management.
3. Stained Glass Window Project update
 - First round of windows is complete. They will be doing the storm windows next.

4. AED

- Mary reported that we can get one. We do not need training to get an AED. Jerald will contact Dean Wiste.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Affirmation of 9th Grade Confirmation Class

- Terry made a motion to confirm Ellevia Berns, Karson Betcher, Christian Bjerke, Ruby Engeldinger, Siri Konkkel, Macy Kraus, Madison Lile, Tysen Moen, Callie Petersen, Addison Turner, Olivia Wedmann. Seconded by Mary. Motion carried.

2. Endowments Audit results

- Audits are completed.

3. Bank Charges (\$6,000)

- Jacque Wennes, team Lead for Finance will meet with Lorilyn Dehning April 18th concerning the \$6,000 expenditure that is listed under the special account of "Tuck Pointing" line item. This amount needs to be put in the correct category. The actual Special Accounts checking account held at Merchants Bank is reconciled each month and the total of that account has been audited each year and is accurate with the banking statements.

4. Read "Belonging," by Karoline Lewis...read introduction and chapter 1 for next month

- Pr. Elizabeth had three copies for council members to share. We can also get a copy from Amazon or Kindle.

5. Public Hearing: Liquor Store

- We received a letter regarding the public hearing on April 18 at 6:00 pm

6. ELCA Farm Bill opportunity

- There is also the ELCA Farm Bill Advocacy session April 18 at 6:00 pm, and those interested can register at <https://bit.ly/ELCAfarmbilllisteningEasternCentral>.

LORD'S PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

- Lori made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Betty seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m., followed by The Lord's Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING DATES:

- 9th Grade Confirmation: Sunday, April 16
- Senior Recognition: Sunday, April 30
- SEMN Synod Assembly: Saturday, May 6
- Next newsletter items due May 26 (June/July newsletter)

Submitted by *Michelle Jahntke*