

TRINITY LUTHERAN CONGREGATION COUNCIL

April 13, 2022 • 7:00 pm

OPENING BUSINESS:

The Trinity Lutheran Congregation Council meeting was called to order by Saundy Solum at 7:03 pm on April 13, 2022.

Pr. Elizabeth opened the meeting with a prayer. Members

Present:

Pr. Elizabeth, Dan Alstad, Betty Dokken, Terry Holland, Kim Kapplinger, Steve Kemp, Laurie Moen, Steve Nelson, Saundy Solum, Judy Tollefsrud, Dean Wiste

Members Absent:

Michelle Jahnke, Bethany Moen, Mary Zaffke

Secretary's Report for February 9, 2022, was approved. Dean, Betty (M/S/P)

Treasurer's Report (placed on file) was approved. Steve K., Laurie (M/S/P)
Highlights listed below.

- General Fund account
 - March income \$44886.71
 - March expenses \$40,704.92
 - Profit \$4,181.79
 - Jan-March 31 \$-6811.10
 - Collection for Ukraine \$5301.12
 - General Fund match \$5301.12
 - March 31 ending balance \$17661.23
- Special accounts – Merchant Bank
 - Jan-Mar income \$7372.79
 - Jan-Mar expenses \$92527.92 (includes money deposited in the incorrect account in 2021)
 - Net loss \$-85122.14
 - Mar 31, 2022, balance \$185092.78
- Building Project – Thrivent
 - April 7, 2022 \$528376.45
 - Feb 28, 2022 \$528789.49
 - December 31, 2021 \$566517.76
- Luther League account – Merchant Bank
 - March income \$3087.86
 - March expenses \$5830.78
 - Net loss \$-2742.92
 - March 31, 2022, balance \$19576.21

STAFF REPORTS

Report from Pastor Elizabeth

1. Attendance at our Lenten suppers and services has been really good, made up mostly of our Confirmation youth, but also members and some non-members. I'm thankful to the Communications Team, Education Team, Trinity Staff, the Stewardship Team, and the Outreach Team for serving the dinners, and to our youth for helping. They were very enthusiastic!
2. We are in the middle of Holy Week, with Maundy Thursday, including 5th grade First Communion, tomorrow night; Good Friday Tenebrae service the next day; and two Easter services with breakfast served by our youth in the middle. A busy time, a blessed time. I plan to take a week of vacation after Easter. The Worship Team will help decorate the sanctuary on Saturday and help with various things during each of these services. I'm grateful to all the volunteers – readers, vocalists, and instrumentalists – who assisted during Lent, and who will contribute their gifts this week.
3. The Master Planning Committee continues its work and I'm feeling very good about the progress made and the direction we are going. My thanks to Steve Kemp for leading the team, and to Mary Deters for putting the recommendations document together, as well as the rest of the team.
4. The Councils as Leaders online seminar was a little disappointing. It was hard to attend via Zoom, and I honestly felt most of the material was not new or innovative.
5. I am tremendously grateful for the generosity of this congregation, most recently revealed in our offering on behalf of Ukrainian refugees. We are truly blessed to be a blessing.
6. We had a baptism last week and another on Easter Sunday. We haven't had a funeral in several weeks.
7. Looking forward, the Synod Assembly will be held the first Saturday in May. I am attending, along with Mark Schroeder, Jacque Wennes, and Saundy.
8. We will also begin yearly evaluations of all our staff when I get back from vacation. The Staffing Team leads these important reviews.
- 9. *To be continued: What is God calling us to do in 2022? How are we called to see Jesus and be Jesus for this community in this time? How can we share our abundance to serve God's mission and God's church? How are we called to be a blessing?***

Kerri Jahnke (Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry):

Easter Breakfast fundraiser

- Looking for adults to help in the kitchen with the youth
- Peggy Landsom will lead the breakfast
- Menu - scrambled eggs with ham, muffins, coffee cake, fruit, beverages

Wednesday Bible School (3rd-6th grade) has been averaging 20 kids

Sunday School children through Confirmation youth are waving the palms on Palm Sunday!

First Communion kids had their First Communion class - 8 kids this year

- We will be buying a small gift for them in remembrance of their First Communion.

Dates we need to get the calendar....

- Baccalaureate
- Senior Recognition Sunday

Syttende Mai Meatball Dinner is May 15

- Looking for input on when planning starts and how many people to have scheduled to work.
- Deciding if it will be carry-out only or "traditional" serving in the Fellowship Hall

Summer Youth Bonfires will start June 1

- Wednesday nights for high school youth

Still figuring out activities for Middle School youth for during the summer

High school youth riverboat trip with Sugar Creek Bible Camp this summer

- Last week in July or 1st week in August, waiting to hear back from Camp with possible dates

TEAM REPORTS

- Staffing – performance reviews will occur the last week in April for all staff.
- Worship – getting ready for Holy Week
- Several served Lenten Suppers – Thanks!

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. COVID protocols – remove all ropes, start communion, choir singing knowing that we may need to dial back if needed
2. Master Planning update – the Master Planning update was discussed. The plan will be shared with the congregation in the next newsletter.
 - a. **Visioning & Planning committee** started the process 3 years ago
 - b. **Facility Planning committee** recommended hiring an architect after several interviews. Three plans were created. The final plan still needs some tweaking
 - c. **Master Planning committee** looked at the entire structure to create our 10-year plan
 - d. **Master Plan committee** – This new committee will be formed from individuals from the top three teams, chaired by Steve Kemp, and will continue renovation and addition project. Kim, Laurie (M/S/P)
3. Trinity Center Boiler Update – Dan is still waiting for bids and said he may be able to find replacement parts with considerable savings. Motion to repair boiler, if possible, instead of purchasing new. Laurie, Terri (M/S/P)
4. Ukraine final gift – the congregation gift was matched by our general fund, and this entire amount was matched by Lutheran World Relief.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Choir director contract – Motion to reinstate current contract for Scott Solberg using the same amount as last year (\$7915/year) with prorated monthly salary starting on April 3. His next contract will be in 2023. Betty, Dean (M/S/P)
2. Norwegian Lag Stevne lunch and tour request (August 11) – Pastor Elizabeth will check with Kerri to see if the youth are interested in serving a meal.
3. Additions to the Team & Committee Guidelines document
 - a. Worship team schedules the Communion Bread makers
 - b. Add the Altar Guild responsibilities to the guidelines
4. May meeting time was changed due to Syttende Mai kick off on Wednesday, May 11. The May meeting will be on Tuesday, May 10 at 7:30pm
5. Idea for a council retreat to be discussed next month - Navigating a New Future
6. Begin our Bible study of Romans. Read Chapters 1-4 before our May meeting.

LORD'S PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Judy, Betty (M/S/P)

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING DATES:

- May/June Newsletter items due April 22
- July meeting: Synod visit with Rev. Emily Carson

Submitted by *Michelle Jahnke and Sandra Solum*