

TRINITY LUTHERAN CONGREGATION COUNCIL

May 10, 2023 • 7:30 p.m.

**OPENING BUSINESS:**

The Trinity Lutheran Congregation Council meeting was called to order by President, Kim Kapplinger at 7:35 p.m. on May 10, 2023.

Pr. Elizabeth opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Members Present:**

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

Secretary's Minutes for April 12, 2023, were read. Laurie M. made a motion to approve the secretary minutes, seconded by Betty. Motion carried.

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

April 1, 2023 balance	\$19,237.53
48 credits	\$27,457.60
25 debits	\$20,539.37
April 30, 2023 ending balance	\$26,155.76
7 outstanding checks	\$6,644.11
April 30, 2023 balance	\$19,511.65

**STAFF REPORTS:**

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

**TEAM REPORTS:**

**Care Ministry (Laurie)**

- Received \$1,000 from county commissioner for food shelf.
- Received \$500 donation toward Christmas Cheer.

**Communications (Mary)**

- Time and Talents went out.
- 10 signs of affirmation are posted around town to spread God's love. Will be putting out a new sign each week.
- Hoping to offer classes this summer. June 8, an artist from La Crosse is coming to talk about prayer through art.
- Looking at more signage for advertising the Free Food Shelf. Laurie will work on signage.

### **Education (Bethany)**

- Meatball Dinner drive through next Sunday.
- A lot of summer planning is happening. (See Kerri's report.)

### **Finance (Jacque)**

- The combined CD that contains \$30,000 from the sale of the second parsonage and \$33159.50 for pastoral support will be separated so they are obvious on the financial record, and each receive their interest to the appropriate CD.
- Jacque and Nicole continue to work on the \$6,000 overage, it appears that when entries were made, they were placed to the General Fund and should have been a debit to individual Special Accounts. Each entry during the past two years is being reviewed and corrected. An interest income line item will be added to the Merchants Special Accounts.
- The Finance Team recommends to council to contract with Tri-State Business Machines for a new contract for a printer for the office. It would be an annual contract so that overprinting would be calculated once a year instead of every month which should prevent overage fees which were \$790 in 2022. The cost of the new contract is \$100 less per month.

### **Outreach (Barb)**

- The team has been brainstorming at having a New Member Sunday. Looking at the newly baptized. Barb asked that others let the Outreach Team know of new people attending church.

### **Property (Jerald)**

- Met with Lee Hoekstra regarding the Trinity Center.

### **Staffing (Betty)**

- Evaluations are almost done - last evaluation will be on May 18.
- Jacque and Betty verified that the benefits and compensation are correct.
- Will be posting pictures of staff by the elevator on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level,

Discuss book introduction and chapter 1 of "Belonging," by Dr. Karoline Lewis - tabled until next month.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Trinity Center and Release Time Committee update
  - Talked to David Eiken - he can repair the existing boiler for \$4,000 to \$5,000, and the old boiler would outlast a new boiler. Len made a motion to repair the boiler at the Trinity Center for \$4,000 to \$5,000, seconded by Mary. Discussion followed. Motion carried.
2. Waste Management update
  - Jerald will move the dumpster closer to the church and cover the dumpster so that the public does not use the dumpster.
3. Stained Glass Window Project update
  - They are here currently working on the windows. It will take 3 weeks to finish.
    - a. Clean up inside the window panes.
    - b. 2 coats of paint to the windowsills.
    - c. Install new storm windows.

4. AED update
  - Kim will look into ordering an AED.
5. Printer update
  - Lori made a motion that Trinity Church enter into a new lease (60 months) with Tri-State Business Machines for a Canon IR ADV C756i ll for office use with a cost per B&W copy of \$.007 and color copy of \$.06., seconded by Mary, motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Steeple

Jerald made a motion to repair the steeple with Jason Crawly (Coon Valley, WI) for \$80.5K, seconded by Len, discussion followed. Motion carried. We will have a Special Congregation Meeting on June 11, 2023.

#### **LORD'S PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT**

- Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jerald seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m., followed by The Lord's Prayer.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

#### **UPCOMING DATES:**

- Youth-led worship and Noisy Sunday, May 14
- Next newsletter items due May 26 (June/July newsletter)
- Syttende Mai Meatball Dinner, Sunday, May 21, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Community Baccalaureate, Wednesday, May 31, 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by *Michelle Jahntke*