

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CONGREGATION COUNCIL

September 13, 2023 • 7:30 p.m.

### OPENING BUSINESS:

The Trinity Lutheran Congregation Council meeting was called to order by President, Kim Kapplinger at 7:33 p.m. on September 13, 2023.

Pr. Elizabeth 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, David Storlie, Jacque Wennes, Lori Wilhelmson, Mary Zaffke

Secretary's Minutes for August 9, 2023 were read. Jacque made a motion to approve the secretary minutes, seconded by Jerald. Motion carried.

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

August 1, 2023	balance	\$39,173.82
	48 credits	\$24,344.80
	25 debits	\$30,635.00
August 31, 2023	ending balance	\$32,883.62
	outstanding checks	\$3,649.67
August 31, 2023	balance	\$29,233.95

### STAFF REPORTS:

Pastor Elizabeth (see attachment)  
Pastor Lane (see attachment)

### TEAM REPORTS:

#### Care Ministry (Laurie)

- Received \$500 from synod for Food Pantry and Security

#### Communications (Mary)

- Working with the Care Team and Worship Team for Almore Mathsen Sunday fellowship
- Sending letters to the people on the prayer list
- Working on an artist prayer event

#### Education (Bethany)

- Duties that Kerri did have been divided up throughout the Education Team.

#### Finance (Jacque)

- YTD Income: \$18,2398.63 YTD Expense: \$22,3342.45 BALANCE -\$40,943.82
- \$25,000 loan to ourselves
- \$17,000 loan from Merchants @ 8% interest
- We have not received any additional payments from the ERC Funding.

- Lorilyn did a wage comparison to gain information to the cost of having two pastors versus one full time pastor, ¼ time pastor and a Director of CYF Ministry. The Finance Team will review this report at their next meeting.

**Outreach (Terry)**

- Serving supper for Music in the Park on 9/27
- Empty Bowls Event on 10/22

**Mission (David)**

- Special \$6,000 should go to Luther Disaster Response

**Property (Jerald)**

- Planning to put together a maintenance agenda
- Planning on making a 10-year plan

**Staffing (Betty)**

- Exit interview with Kerri
- Looking to hire a new Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

**Stewardship (Lenny)**

- Would like to do a brochure to share the history of the church
- Dec. 7 marks 130 years of the dedication of the church - would like to have a celebration. More to come.

**Worship (Lori)**

- Working on enhancing the space to make it feel more welcoming
- Outdoor worship with Blessing of the Animals on 9/24
- Campfire fellowship for elderly on 10/8

**BOOK CONVERSATION:**

Read Chapter 3 of “Belonging,” by Dr. Karoline Lewis.

Focus on verses John 4:16-24.

**Question:** What does it mean to YOU to be a disciple of Jesus?

Meeting extended by 15 minutes - Mary made a motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes, seconded by Laurie. Motion carried

**CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

1. Master Planning Update -
  - Master Planning Committee is meeting with Kodet tomorrow to look at outside plans and cost
2. Trinity Center and Release Time Update - Scott Solberg and Heather Gray attended and shared the following:
  - So much has changed since the Annual Meeting
  - Committee shared many ideas - some are staff dependent
  - Looking for more direction - council advised to get the facts out - present to congregation and Annual Meeting
  - The committee will plan to meet one more time
  - The committee will send document to present at next council meeting
3. Team photos for newsletter and glass case: Mission in the World, Outreach, Property, and Worship

- Glass case is here for the staff pictures
4. Sabbatical Update
    - Committee will be meeting next week.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Request for AA to meet at Trinity Center Tues. evenings and Sat. mornings and pay for a key box to be installed
  - Pr. E made a motion to allow AA to meet at Trinity Center Tues. evenings and Sat. mornings and pay for a key box to be installed, seconded by Mary, motion carried.
2. Kerri's resignation/CYF position
  - Advertised in 20 churches, 3 colleges, 3 newspapers
  - We have one applicant. Interview tomorrow at 9:00 am.

Meeting extended by 15 minutes - Jacque made a motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes, seconded by Jerald. Motion carried

3. Steeple fundraiser
  - Terry made a motion to have a fundraiser by a mailing to raise \$10,000 to get the final funds for the steeple project, seconded by Betty. Communication Team and Marlene will work on the mailing. Motion carried
  - Jacque made a motion to use Castle Grey Slate for the steeple roof, seconded by Laurie. Motion carried
4. Winter snow removal
  - Jerald will check with Tim Ladsten and Total Lawn Service for quotes and bring back to next month's council meeting.

Meeting extended by 15 minutes - Jacque made a motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes, seconded by Betty. Motion carried

5. Other
  - Jacque made motion to add Jean Ann Tweeten as signer to Luther League account, seconded by Mary. Motion carried.
  - Jacque made a motion to renew Portico Benefits for Pastor Elizabeth and for a new Director of CYF Ministry (when hired) with Silver+, HSA Level A plan for 2024 same benefits as 2023 with increase cost, seconded by Bethany. Motion carried
  - Pr. Elizabeth made a motion to send the \$6,000 ERC First Fruits dollars to Maui Fires and Florida Hurricane to be divided equally between the two, seconded by Lenny. Motion carried.

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

- Laurie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mary seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m., followed by The Lord's Prayer.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

#### **UPCOMING DATES:**

- Rally Sunday: Sunday, September 17

- Fall Meatball Dinner: Wednesday, September 20
- Outdoor Worship/Blessing of the Animals (plus photo booth): Sunday, September 24
- Outreach serves at Music in the Park: Wednesday, September 27
- Uffda Fest Sunday Celebration of Almore Mathsen: Sunday, October 8
- Empty Bowls: Sunday, October 22
- Confirmation/Reformation Sunday Service: Sunday, October 29

Submitted by *Michelle Jahnke*