

**** SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL AT ITS NEXT MEETING ****

Trinity Lutheran Congregation Council
July 10, 2019

The Trinity Lutheran Congregation Council meeting was called to order by Mary Deters at 7 pm on July 10, 2019 in the Gathering Room at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Members Present: Mary Deters, Steve Nelson, Barb Arnold, Jacque Wennes, Steve Kemp, Kim Kapplinger (for Willy Leafblad), and Lara Wold Mendez. **Absent:** Milly Halverson

Pr Elizabeth opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's Report for June 12, 2019 was approved

Treasurer's Report (placed on file)

- Income from envelopes and electronic giving is down \$2,363.
- Expenses are down \$36,485 .
- We borrowed another \$10,000 at the bank last week.

STAFF REPORTS:

Pastor Elizabeth (full report placed on file)

- She enjoyed vacation time and came home very refreshed.
- She had a great day at Good Earth Village with the confirmation students. Bekah did a great job with them, including 4 extras from a church in Spring Valley.
- June Thirst Day was less well attended. The next Thirst Day will be in September.
- Sheri Allen, Fred Arnold, and Mary Zaffke will speak briefly on Sunday about their impressions of the Synod Assembly.
- There is still some work to do in the parsonage yard, but Pastor Elizabeth is very happy with what has been done.

Pastor Lane (No report submitted)

Bekah (full report placed on file)

- Confirmation Camp, Day Camp and VBS were all successful . Confirmation students discussed Faith and Science during a 2-hour allotted time each day. The students shared insightful comments about their faith and how faith and science do not have to be rivals. Afternoon Day Camp activities included tying blankets for the Salvation Army, walking on the bird trail, and singing at the nursing home and Assisted Living.
- Bonfires for 7th to 9th graders started on June 16 and will continue through the summer.
- 3:16s will meet at Bekah's house in August.
- 9 youth and 2 adults will be going on a mission trip to Indianapolis from July 27-August 2.

Care Ministry (Milly submitted the following report)

- The Care Team has organized a “Friends In Faith” group which will be visiting 12 congregation members. Seven people have volunteered to visit these members in their homes.
- The prayer shawl ministry continues.
- The team members are packing for HIP during summer school.
- The Team is planning a “Wisdom Luncheon” for over-80 members in the fall.

Education (Jacque)

- 38 students participated in Day Camp compared to 39 last year. The theme was “Rolling River Rampage” led by four counselors from Sugar Creek Bible Camp.
- 19 students participated in VBS compared to 24 last year. Lisa Sandgren, Bekah’s mom, was the teacher.
- In 2020 Day Camp/VBS will be the week of June 23-26.
- 9 youth and 2 adults will travel to Indianapolis for mission work July 27-August 2.
- Thirst Day will be suspended during July and August.
- Rally Day for Sunday School will be September 8, 2019.

Mission in the World (Steve N)

- Work on the Habitat house will begin soon.
- A fundraiser for the Habitat project will be held on August 25 from 6-9 pm at RockFilter Distillery.
- Over \$28,000 in cash has been raised from the community for the Habitat project

Outreach (Lara)

- New members will be recognized and welcomed on Sunday, September 15.
- The Team is revamping the welcome package.
- They are also working on a new list for serving coffee after worship.

Support (Steve K)Property

- See Continuing Business.

Stewardship

- The 6-month statements are being sent out.
- The picnic following the outdoor worship service went well.

Communications

- The communication survey showed that most members prefer to receive communications in print rather than electronically.

Finance

- No report .

Staffing

- See Continuing Business

Worship (Willy)

- No report.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Update on custodian position

- The new custodian is working out well. After a 3-month probationary period, a decision will be made about adding on duties at Trinity Center.

Update on ramp

- The ramp is not ADA acceptable. It would cost an estimated \$50,000 to get it up to code. It remains closed in the meantime.

Update on July 14 congregational meeting

- Discussion was held on the agenda for the meeting
- Len Myrah addressed the council about communications he has had with other churches which have done remodeling. He has also communicated with two architectural firms in the area that have worked with churches and determined that the cost to develop a master plan for our church would be between \$8,000 to \$20,000. He also suggested that the Building team's title be changed to the Facilities Planning Team.

Set Date to choose Facilities Planning Team

- Anyone interested in being on the Facilities Planning Team should notify the church office or members of the Council by the August Council meeting.

Newsletter articles are due by July 19

NEW BUSINESS:

Choir dates for 2019-20

- The high school wishes to use the sanctuary on the following dates for a choir concert: December 16, March 19, and May 4.

MSC (Barb A., Lara M.) to allow the school to use the sanctuary on December 16, March 19, and May 4 for a choir concert.

WELCA Salad Luncheon

- A salad luncheon will be held on September 8 from 10:30-1 in conjunction with Rally Sunday . It will include sandwiches and salads along with the sale of baked goods and other homemade and donated items.

WELCA Meatball Dinner

- The WELCA meatball dinner will be Wednesday, September 18. Jean Ellingson and Judy Tollefsrud will be the chairmen. The plan is to have take-outs only.

Fundraising for Youth

MSC (Steve N., Barb A.) to approve the following activities as fundraisers for the youth:

sale of thanksgiving pies, January stock sales, Lenten supper to raise funds for Puerto Rico, April 12 Easter breakfast, May 17 meatball supper. All fundraisers will be First Fruits with 10% of profits returned to the church budget.

Pastor Elizabeth closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Room.

In HIS Service,

Janna Myrah, Acting Secretary