

Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation Council Minutes
Monday, August 12, 2019 – 7 p.m.

DEVOTIONS – Scott Miller

REFRESHMENTS – Sharon Matschke

I. Call to Order & Devotion – 7 pm

- A. Council Roster **Present:** Kevin Seidel, Scott Miller, Sharon Matschke, Pastor Fred, Eileen Schultz, Russ Pullis, Sandy Sheridan, Key Darrow, Gary Tarantino, Kim Kleindienst, Erin DeKorte, Bev Dominkowitz;
Absent: Sandie Knowle, Suzanne Capps, Maira Rogers, John Sienkiewicz

II. Items for Approval from Executive Team

- A. Minutes from June Council Meeting- were approved by Council
- B. Financial Reports from June 2019: General Receipts were \$21,176; Disbursements were \$21,340.25 with difference of -\$164.25;
- C. Financial Report from July 2019: General Receipts were \$17,236.61; Disbursements were \$20,543.40 with difference of -\$3,306.79; Current Expenses VS Pledge = \$108%; YTD Expenses VS Pledge = \$108%- Motion passed to accept this report for both June & July 2019.
- D. Dates for approval/submission
 - 1. 10/6- A Habitat for Humanity Build a Wall Day will be held right after service from 11-2 PM. Sign up for event to come
 - 2. 9/28 – Leader Training lead by the Worship & Music Team for members to learn about being an acolyte, reader, greeter, assistant minister, usher. Event @ 9 AM with breakfast.
 - 3. 9/8 is the Energizer Sunday picnic at Hedden Park- Sign ups to come

III. Actions taken by Executive Team

- A. Fixed front red door so it closes properly- \$174.00
- B. Adding locks to the PLC for security so front door during services can be kept open-\$1807.89- The upstairs lock uses the same key as the front door.

IV. Items for Discussion/New Business

- A. Rainbow Flag- Barbara Terreri addressed the council with her concerns about flying this flag past Gay Pride Month in June. After discussion, Council voted to take down the flag and re-address this in early Spring of 2020.
- B. Constitutional Review – Council Wording- discussion was had on the wording of the head count of council members; Motion passed by Council to table this to when the synod new model constitution comes out in 2020.
- C. Worship Schedule- Worship & Music team proposes keeping the 1 service @ 9:30 AM and to revisit this in February 2020 (In time for Lent); The team welcomes TLC members continuous feedback about this change- Council voted to accept this motion.
- D. Helping Page- Council members had the opportunity to select worship roles for September, October, November. This sign-up sheet will then be posted in narthex for TLC members to sign up for worship roles.
- E. Opening & Closing Procedures- Council will assign a person to close church when Pastor Fred is not at service; The church opening procedures will be reviewed.
- F. Sexton-Ralph Gonzalez picked up this duty during Felipe's recent absence. Discussion was had to review the sexton's full duties and responsibilities; Pastor Fred will discuss with Joanne (Faith Kitchen Director) how Faith Kitchen/ Edna Haven will manage their daily waste and when changes to current system will happen.
- G. Request to hold a Mayoral Forum at TLC- After discussion, Council voted not to host a Dover Mayoral Forum here at TLC.
- H. Energizer Picnic- Date is 9/8 at Hedden Park- sign ups will be posted in narthex
- I. ICE admittance to PLC & TLC- After discussion, Council voted on policy to deny entrance to ICE onto Church premises
- J. Nomination Committee-Maira Rogers will head this committee and start process in finding new council members to replace those who will be leaving this role.

V. Reports and Updates

- A. Thank You Notes- will be sent to attorney reviewing the licensing agreement with Edna Haven (Kevin will send name to Maira); Ralph Gonzalez and Barbara Terreri for coming to August council meeting
- B. Reports and Updates
 - 1. Pastor's Report- Pastor Fred discussed the ELCA statement what becoming a sanctuary denomination means. More details will be in a future newsletter article and educational gathering for TLC members to get more information. Date for this is TBD.

2. Parish Nurse Report- approved by Council
3. Follow Ups from June Workshop meeting- discussion was had on merits on keeping this format and workshop meetings will be held quarterly basis or sooner if the need arises.
4. Capital Campaign-while funds were disbursed to projects in this scope there are still donation pledges still coming into this account.
5. Generosity Update- First meeting was held in June and Second meeting happening on August 26th. Discussed Fall Campaign. Sent out budget form to church committees for planning purposes for their 2020 need/request, wish & dream projects. More details will be forth coming in coming weeks
6. Property Report – Gary Tarantino reported that the new air conditioners for church will be installed in August.
7. Health Cabinet- No report
8. Worship & Music -Mid-week advent services on Thursday evenings @ 7 PM (12/5, 12/12 & 12/19). Preceding the service at 6 PM bring a sandwich and drinks and dessert will be provided by Fellowship Committee
9. Education Committee – No report
10. Justice League
 - a. RIC
 - b. Social Justice- This team discussed numerous topics and decided to concentrate on immigration; members will attend training to visiting immigrants in detention centers.
11. Fellowship – No report
12. Societal Ministry
 - a. Living 4 Giving – Planning for Energizer Sunday is ongoing
 - b. Faith Kitchen Report – Board meeting will happen in September; Erin discussed open questions: left overs on Saturday Faith Kitchen- cover and date the food and put in refrigerator, if necessary put in freezer downstairs; If no group comes to serve lunch look in closets to see what you can pull something together and if you can't just close the Faith Kitchen for the day. More details to come: getting contact names of group serving Saturday lunch, current Faith Kitchen Board member list which is posted in the kitchen, sign displayed with name of group serving lunch
 - c. Edna's Haven Report -still awaiting the finalization of the occupancy license.
 - d. Senior Ministry- Senior Picnic will be held on Sunday 8/25 at Senior Building.
13. Congregational Care- no report

VI. **Pastoral Concerns-** new member Gayflor Menihana is in need for new housing. Contact Pastor Fred to assist

VII. **Additional Business - None**

VIII. **Correspondence - None**

IX. **Closing Prayers**

X. **Adjournment-** meeting was adjourned at 10 PM

Next Executive Team: Meeting: August 26th @ 6:30 at TLC

Next Council Meeting: September 9th – 7:00 PM

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