

Trinity Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting – February 10, 2025

I. Call to Order by Lynda Pullis, Council President at 7:06 pm

Council Roster: Present: Pastor Fred, Sheri Sauer, Lynda Pullis, Charlene Rollins, John Sienkiewicz, Bev Dominkowitz, David Bernauer, Tom Burdzy, Erin DeKorte, Judy Miller, Carol Schwarz. Excused: Maira Rogers.

Opening Devotions – Carol shared a devotion.

II. Reports for Approval

A. January Minutes – Correction noted: The balance amount of the gift is \$3,005. Sheri made a motion to approve the minutes of the January council meeting with the noted correction. Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Financial Reports

- Giving versus pledges for January was 108%. As usual, we are above 100%.
- January income was \$25,219 which is \$1,536 above the projected amount.
- January expenses were \$29,306, which is \$636 below the budgeted amount.
- The deficit is \$4,087, which is \$2,173 below the projected amount of \$6,260.

Question that was asked at the Worship and Music committee meeting: Is the organ covered? Under the previous insurance policy, there was a separate rider to cover the organ. It was mentioned that the bells were covered as well. John said he will discuss the rider with the insurance rep.

Tom made a motion to accept the Financial Reports. Erin seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

III. Reports for Acceptance

A. Pastor Report (*highlights*)

- John and Lynn Sienkiewicz will be attending the Synod Assembly in June as well as the district meeting at St. John, Summit.
- Reports to the Bishop's office and the ELCA church wide report submitted
- Attended National Day of Racial Healing event with the ELCA on line
- Attended Men's Lunch
- Attended the Bishop's Zoom event "Accompanying our Immigrant Neighbors"
- Hosted the first of the Cluster Prayer Practices on line event.
- Attended the Bishop's Zoom event "Accompanying our LGBTQIA Neighbors"

B. Parish Nurse Report – No Report

Council accepted the Pastor report.

IV. Committee Reports

Faith Kitchen

- Feeding over 100 people daily.
- The 2/22 Council Retreat was discussed.
- Inviting the congregation to a similar event could be a possibility.

Food Pantry

- The outdoor sign has been removed.
- The WAWA grant was denied. One of the reasons given was a lack of advertising/exposure of WAWA's donation.

Worship and Music

- Holy Week and Easter worship services are being planned.
- Agape has been invited back.

Living for Giving

- Hats and gloves are being collected till the end of the month.
- Upcoming projects are being discussed, such as Library books for Dover Schools.
- Looking for new members. They'll put an article in the newsletter.

Edna's Haven – Ashley of MHA is leaving. She will be greatly missed. Interviews to fill her position are underway.

Finance Committee – Yearly audit is underway.

Property – No Report

Generosity - No Report

Fellowship - No Report

V. Old Business - Remaining Gift Balance of \$3,005

Discussion of possible uses for the donation took place. As per the Altar Gild, no new paraments are currently needed.

Sheri made a motion to designate up to \$700 for the purchase and installation of a new 'smart' TV for the Narthex. Erin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheri made a motion to designate up to \$500 for the purchase of additional signage for the entryway identifying the worship area, Faith Kitchen and other areas as needed. Erin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A new Interior door was discussed:

- Door is battered and worn.
- Concern that the current door is not welcoming and gives off a 'Prison vibe'.
- Door costs will be researched. Costs exceeding the remaining balance of the donated funds could come from the Capital Improvement Fund.

VI. New Business - Congregational Annual Report

Congregational Annual Report was submitted to council for review.

Sheri made a motion to approve the annual report. Judy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Correspondence - None

VIII. Closing Prayer - Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

IX. Adjournment

Sheri made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Erin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned.

Next Executive Team Meeting: Monday, March 3rd @ 7pm

Next Council Meeting: Sunday, March 9th immediately after the worship service.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlene Rollins
Secretary