

TRINITY LUTHERAN CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 • 7 p.m.

OPENING BUSINESS:

The Trinity Lutheran Congregation Council meeting was called to order by President, Kim Kapplinger at 7:15pm on Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

Pr. Elizabeth opened the meeting with a prayer.

Members Present:

Pr. Elizabeth, Pastor Lane Zaffke, Betty Dokken, Sheri Allen, Lorilyn Dehning, Kim Kapplinger, Heather Gray, Steve Nelson, Jerald Oakes, Jacque Wennes (phone), Lori Wilhelmson, Mary Zaffke, Barb Gulbranson. Absent: Autum Wiste and David Storlie.

Secretary's Report for March 2024 was read, edited, and approved. Heather Gray made a motion to approve the secretary minutes, seconded by Jacque Wennes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (placed on file) Highlights listed below. Motion made by Betty Dokken and Mary Zaffke to approve Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS:

Pastor Elizabeth	no report
Pastor Lane	(see attachment)

TEAM REPORTS:

Care Ministry (Autumn Wiste)

- Moved HIP groceries back to Trinity Center for backpack filling. Working to get a team photo for the bulletin board.

Communications (Mary Zaffke)

- Not met in March - helped worship with St Patrick's Day supper.

Education (Heather Gray)

- See written report attached
- Met and have plans started for VBS, Confirmation Camp, April 28 Sr Recognition, Baccalaureate, added two items to new business on agenda. Heather & Lorilyn will chair meatball dinner for Syttende Mia.
- Confirmation Camp - Welca covers \$200 per student / \$95 from Youth Account / \$150 covered by parent.

Finance (Jacque Wennes)

- Will start including Income & Expenses back in weekly bulletin, including any loan balance.

Outreach (Barb Gulbranson)

- Group Meeting May 1, working on getting their calendar in place for the year.
- Working to see what is real need with Lions Den Clothing at school. Carrie Thorson stepping back from heading up the closet.

Mission In the World (David Storlie)

- No report

Property (Jerald Oaks)

- Not met until bids are received for flat roof.
- Have identified list of items to do this year as funds available
- Steeple is done
- Church roof IS asbestos so plan for future replacement (last bids was in 2019)

Staffing (Betty Dokken)

- Sent a cover letter with posters and postcards advertising the Youth Director position to 5 campus ministries. Winona Lutheran Campus Ministry, Luther - Decorah IA, LaCrosse, Mankato and Minneapolis Campus ministries. Attended 2 career fairs in March and have two signs on the church lawn about the position.
- Other advertising was adds in three newspapers, sent to 20 local churches (twice), put on Handshake.com for 9 colleges until June 31, 2024 and ran an add on KVIK radio station.
- Will contact Bible camps to see if anyone interested at end of season

Stewardship (Sherri Allen)

- Group met...not sure how tea should proceed. Group feels they should build relationships before fund raising.
- Age group of target audience. Will get data/statistics from church office to help with next steps. Committee wants to be sure not to exclude remote worshippers.
- Will work on finding a replacement for Steve Kemp.

Worship (Lori Wilhelmson)

- Group survived Lenten season
- Hosting a Tax Relief Stone Supper on April 15 w/Bingo
- Planning a job fair for September 2024 to help fill committees (fellowship servers, altar guild, ushers, readers....etc.)

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. School rental agreement of Trinity Center - see attached lease
Jacque will update agreement with 60 day written notice termination clause, space will be restricted to two spots on ground level, Retro-active to Jan 1, 2024. Jerald and Jacque will meet with Rachel Udstuen in person to review agreement. Motion made by Heather Gray and seconded by Jacque Wennes to approve lease agreement with changes. Motion passes.
2. Graveyard Mapping Project - Company is getting some new equipment so project is postponed to June 2024. Will be paid out of building funds in special accounts.
3. ERC update - Still waiting on funds Government still working on 1 billion in claims

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Meeting with Bishop Streed on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 at Trinity Church
2. Summer Youth Position - Heather gave a job description of a temporary summer position for a summer youth intern. 100-125 hours for the summer. Rate \$15-\$25 hour. June 5 to August 7th. Motion by Heather Gray, seconded by Betty Dokken to move forward with the position. Education and Staffing will work together on the position. Motion passed. They are to help Lane and work wit 7-12 grade to keep engaged. See description for more detail.

3. Wednesday Sunday School and Worship in the Fall - SS/Confirmation after school/evening at Trinity Center along with adult education, informal service and family night. Discussed various options, contacting church's that currently have family time on Wednesday. Education was directed to continue to work on this concept by doing further research, what committees may need to be involved, possible field trip to see how this works (Northfield, Rochester, Benson). Meals, Worship, Education all around the "Family". Kim Kapplinger's family currently attends a Wednesday service and helps them stay involved with church while doing sports. It was requested that if this is done it needs to be consistent and weekly. Ed team will look into the possibility of sending a survey out to see interest. Trinity is losing families due to our education inconsistencies. Lane will work with education team on this idea.
Possible stages could be #1-Survey/Start Program #2 - does Saturday need to be dropped #3 - how to maintain program long-term

Meeting time was extended with multiple motions during the meeting. All extension motions were approved.

Newsletter deadline is April 26th.

LORD'S PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

- Jerald Oakes made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sheri Allen seconded. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm, followed by The Lord's Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 7 p.m.

Submitted by *Lorilyn Dehning*