

**** SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL AT IT'S NEXT MEETING ****

TRINITY LUTHERAN CONGREGATION COUNCIL

May 8, 2024 • 7 p.m.

OPENING BUSINESS:

The Trinity Lutheran Congregation Council meeting was called to order by President, Kim Kapplinger at 7pm on May 8, 2024.

Pr. Elizabeth opened the meeting with a prayer.

Members Present:

Pr. Elizabeth, Pr. Lane, Nancy Gulbranson (for Betty Dokken), Sheri Allen, Lorilyn Dehning, Kim Kapplinger, Heather Gray, Autumn Wiste, Steve Nelson, David Stortie, Lori Wilhelmson, Mary Zaffke, Barb Gulbranson, Dean Wiste (for Jerald Oakes).

Members Absent:

Jacque Wennes

Secretary's Report for April 10th and 17th, 2024 was read and approved. Heather Gray made a motion to approve the secretary minutes, seconded by Mary Zaffke for the regular meeting minutes. Motion carried. Heather Gray and Lori Wilhelmson made a motion to approve the special council meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (placed on file) Highlights listed below.

Bequests have helped our financial situation. We received 2 - \$5000 donations this year. A good year so far. Motion to approve report by Nancy Gulbranson, seconded by Mary Zaffke. Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Pastor Elizabeth 6 weeks left. Trinity has lots to think about in the upcoming months.
Pastor Lane (see attachment)

TEAM REPORTS:

Care Ministry (Autumn Wiste)

- Group has not met. Will be helping with Mother's Day event on May 11 - Crafts

Communications (Mary Zaffke)

- Helping with Meatball dinner publicity
- Working on an "Art as Prayer" event for June 27th

Education (Heather Gray)

- Still looking for summer youth help
- VBS & Good Earth planning is under way and taking registrations for VBS/Bible Camps
- Confirmation Camp is all signed up
- Sr Recognition went well / Baccalaureate planning is underway
- Meatball Dinner for Syttende Mai - jobs have been distributed
- Wednesday Church group is still gathering information

Finance (Jacque Wennes)

- See attached report
- Met with Rachel Udstuen from SG Schools on Trinity Center lease - Rachel will bring to the School Board in May
- Windows WELCA donated \$2500
- Will use loan to from ourselves for window payment in not if we don't have enough funding in the account

Outreach (Barb Gulbranson)

- Meeting with someone to take over Lion's Den at school
- Meeting with Trisha at Heart Rock regarding Backpack program
- Helping with Mother's Day event at Trinity Center May 11
- Working meatball dinner and planning an excursion to a La Crosse Loggers Game in June

Mission In the World (David Storlie)

- No report at this time

Property (Dean Wiste)

- Chimney tear down has been completed by Mike Thompson
- Currently receiving bids for flat roof repair and looking at Concrete on
North side of building

Staffing (Nancy Gulbranson)

- Sent 55 letters to students regarding summer youth and youth director position
- Followed up with 2 individuals that showed interest
- Exit interview with Pastor Elizabeth
- Added 2 signs on main street for Help Wanted - Youth Director
- Placed \$800 in adds with 4 newspapers for 3 weeks for open Youth Positions

Stewardship (Sheri Allen)

- Helping with Mother's Day event - providing Legos

Worship (Lori Wilhelmson)

- Helping with meatball dinner
- Will look into the Funeral/Wedding policies of church (WELCA just updated their policy)

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. School Rental of Trinity Center - schoolboard will review at May meeting
2. Graveyard Project - still waiting for new equipment should take place in June
3. ERC Update - Government still working thru loans
4. Pew Refinishing - group looked at samples prepared and decided to proceed with project with the butcher block refinishing style.
5. Follow-up to meeting with Assistant to Bishop Barb Streed
 - Kim Kapplinger presented the two options the synod had shared with him.
 - Pastor Jim Scaife would be willing to return as an Interim. His package would be \$110-\$120,000 due to his years in the ministry.
 - Karleen Jung would be interested as a Bridge to Settle Pastor. She is from Kentucky and would like to get closer to her son in Minneapolis. She has 7 years' experience and ministry is her second career. Her salary would be comparable to Pastor Elizabeth's current salary package and she would live in the parsonage.

- It was decided to interview both and proceed from there. Kim Kapplinger will try to get both interviews set up before May 23.
- Interview questions were decided upon.
- Members doing the interview will be: 2 Members of Staffing, Kim Kapplinger (President), Heather Gray (Education), Lori Wilhelmson (Worship) and Sheri Allen (Stewardship). They will record the zoom interview.
- Nancy Gulbranson reminded the group about Pastor Lane's contract for June, July and August. Pastor Lane said he would be willing to renegotiate if needed.
- A small discussion was held regarding Self Study for the congregation and the call committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Newsletter Deadline for June newsletter is May 24th
- Farewell to Pastor Elizabeth - an update was shared

LORD'S PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

- Steve Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dean Wiste seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm, followed by The Lord's Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 12th, 2024, at 7p.m.

UPCOMING DATES:

May 19 Syttende Mai Meatball Dinner (Dine in - Drive Thru Carryout's)

May 23 - June 4 Kim Kapplinger vacation

May 29 Community Baccalaureate Service

June 10-13 Vacation Bible School and Day Camp

June 16 Pastor Elizabeth last Sunday

June 16-21 Confirmation Camp at Good Earth Village

July 14-21 Youth Gathering at New Orleans

Submitted by *Lorilyn Dehning*