

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES: August 27, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by President Becky Liegl at 7:05 p.m.

PRAYER: Pastor Andy Behrendt

DEVOTION BY: Pastor Dione Miller

ATTENDEES: Becky Liegl; John Kunzman; Don Morgan; Pastor Andy; Pastor Dione; Steve Johnson; Bonnie Pegel; Nancy Johnson; Kim Rowland; Seth Rowland; Greg Hanson; Yvonne Robbers.

Absent: Fred Kuenzi; Alan Kjelland; Diane Opperman.

Also present was Kerry Lee Blanke, Interim Office Administrator; Cathy Cowling, Consultant.

COUNCIL AGENDA: Motion was made by Yvonne R. to amend the agenda to include Cathy Cowling report under New Business. This was seconded by Nancy J. to approve the updated agenda for the August 27 council meeting. Motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: July report was approved by council by email.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report distributed by Nancy Johnson. Month of July was good, bills were paid. A comparison of last year to this year at this time was also presented. We are in much better financial shape this year compared to last.

INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The comparison report was discussed some more. Giving this year is up by \$35,000.00. Had one bad weekend in July because of storm.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Property & Grounds:

- ◆ Apron project is now complete. Large tree has been cut down and now the rest of sidewalk project will be completed.
- ◆ Don M. with the help of Kerry Lee B. went thru the list of completed projects and ones that hope to be completed before winter.
- ◆ Air conditioning on new bus not working properly. Will be fixed at no cost to Trinity.

Personnel:

- ◆ Will be meeting on Wednesday, August 28 with the Pastors and Cathy Cowling to begin discussion on Office structure and Church Administrator position.

Mission & Stewardship:

- ◆ Committee is reenergized for Stewardship for All Seasons program and looking at an October kickoff. Goal is to help improve our giving at Trinity. Committee will be working on a list of things to tell our story here, like better communication, hospitality, better nursery etc. Also working on Benevolence list and envelopes.

Worship & Music

- ◆ Did not meet.

Family & Youth

- ◆ Discussed Faith Ventures trip. FeFiFoFun has been put on hiatus for this year. Trinity Lutheran Church golf outing for Saturday, September 21.

Information & Technology:

- ◆ No meeting.

Membership & Evangelism

- ◆ Church Directories are being shipped. September 8 will be the Ministry fair. Other program, God's Work Our Hands is being tabled at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion on the parking lot Asphalt Project. Handout showed areas to be paved. Because the aprons were cut back more, the areas to pave are now larger so the entire project now will be \$7,210.00. Motion was made by Yvonne R. and seconded by John K. to approve the paving and that monies would come out of Special Projects account. Motion passed. Also discussed was the project to apply heat tape to the sprinkler system in the back of the sanctuary to prevent the pipes from freezing. This project will be \$5,568.00. Motion made by Bonnie P. and seconded by Yvonne R. to approve with monies again coming out of special projects account. Motion passed.
- Discussion about Rotary Club of Waupaca now having their morning meetings (only Wednesday mornings from 6:30-9 AM) starting on September 4. They will be paying \$300.00 per month rental fee.
- Kerry Lee presented a draft of a Facilities Usage Policy for Trinity Lutheran Church. It is for review and discussion and vote at next month's council meeting. Also, a new/updated Volunteer Safety Policy was presented. Motion was made by Kim R. and seconded by Yvonne R. to approve new policy. Motion passed.

- Yvonne R. reported on Volunteer Software program. They are looking at costs and also making sure program can work with other areas/committees within the church.
- Cathy Cowling's report on church size and how different sizes of congregations operate/work.
- Final item for new business was Pastor Dione informing the Council that she would be leaving Trinity on November 24, 2019. Her letter to the congregation was mailed this morning. Tears.....

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: Motion by Yvonne R. and seconded by Steve J. to adjourn at 8:48 PM

LORD'S PRAYER

NEXT MEETING: September 24, 2019 at 7 PM

DEVOTIONS BY: Nancy Johnson

Respectfully submitted:

Stephen Johnson
Secretary

Motion was made by Yvonne R. and seconded by Alan K. to approve August Council minutes as amended on September 5, 2019. Motion passed.