

Trinity Lutheran Church

Church Council meeting, Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice-President Tim Gauerke.

Attendees: Tim Gauerke, Becky Liegl, Nancy Johnson, Pastor Bryan, Charlene Kuenzi, Mike Claussen, Nancy Ross, Mark Harrington, and Don Morgan

Prayer: Pastor Bryan

Devotions: Nancy Ross, "Nature's Peace" from *Nature's Messages: A Book of Wilderness Wisdom*, by Sam Campbell

Secretary's Report: The report was distributed and reviewed. Motion to approve the secretary's report by Char Kuenzi, seconded by Nancy Johnson, motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: The report was distributed and reviewed. We are currently trending a deficit due to various factors: a three pay period month, three full time pastors and an additional full time youth/communications coordinator, and lack of consistent giving. We will alert the congregation about the needs which are covered by consistent giving due to increased programming. On a very positive note, the educational endowment has increased.

Pastors' Reports:

Pastor Bryan: Included below.

Pastor Andy: On Sabbatacal

Pastor Dione:

Committee Reports:

Buildings and Grounds: Don Morgan noted, there have been several meetings, a job description has been created, and Terri Lick was asked to help determine which questions to ask the candidates. The committee posted the position with the updated description and have four applicants so far.

Personnel: Pastor Bryan noted, the posting for the maintenance position has been posted and closes on the 2nd of July. There are four applicants thus far.

Health: None presented

Mission Stewardship: Tim Gauerke noted, the committee met last night and discussed what we can do with regard to giving being less and our need still being there. Pray and help how we can. There are many factors affecting our stewardship situation: summer, deaths, increased staffing,

electronic giving, Mission Polka Fest, and benevolence. Catalpa received the Neuville grant and will bring youth mental health awareness to the community. Kim Miller will help with the coordination of Polka Fest/Mission Fest. Council members should wear name tags and perhaps sit on the couches between services to answer any congregational questions.

Parish Education: Pastor Bryan noted, a group of members who went to Germany will create and present their experience with their reformation journey.

Worship & Music: They enjoyed a nice lunch at the Harbor to celebrate the successful year.

Family & Youth Team: Pastor Bryan noted, Kim Miller had been on a Youth Ventures trip to Milwaukee. Tim Gauerke added, they served several meals, and helped within the Milwaukee community. The place they served is in a monastery. They made sandwiches, sorted socks and undergarments, and worked with Feeding America sorting food.

Information & Technology: Pastor Bryan noted, an Ethernet cable went bad, but he found one to fix the issue.

Old Business: Tim Gauerke noted, the nominating committee should be in place by September so the congregation can learn more about the candidates and vote in December. Past council members would be a great choice for the committee.

New Business: Pastor Bryan noted, Dick Radley would like to donate seven acres of pine timber to the church. Steve Hanson will see what this looks like from the church's perspective. Waupaca County Suicide Prevention is applying for a grant but they need the council to resolve that TLC is the fiscal sponsor. We've been connected with them since Pastors Chuck and Jennifer were here. Mark Harrington made a motion to adopt the project as stated and refer monitoring to the health committee. There are two individuals who are willing to take over the rummage sale this fall.

Adjournment: Motion by Char Kuenzi, 2nd by Nancy Johnson to adjourn. Motion Approved at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Liegl, Secretary

Pastor Bryan Robertson's Council Report, June 27, 2017

In the month of May, we wished Pr. Andy a bon voyage as he embarked on a well-deserved and oft put off sabbatical, and we said goodbye to two well-loved and long standing employees, Heidi Fischer and George Neubauer.

My month included three graveside committal services from funerals that were held in the winter, and one funeral. My visits were fewer this month, but my meetings and the times I spent in administration were considerably above that of previous months.

A significant portion of my time and efforts were directed towards finding replacement help for our office and our building and grounds; beginning work with committees to put job descriptions and interview strategies into shape; and being ready to answer questions and concerns that the current staff might have.

As the staff liaison with Building and Grounds, I made decisions regarding maintenance, emergency maintenance, and I met with some of our various vendors. I and one of our parishioners, Eric Brehmer, were also given a crash course by George on the HVAC system and its computer and analogue controls. We also were given the location of keys, maintenance schedules, and passwords for our various computer controlled systems.

I am currently approving the payment of our utilities and maintenance invoices, and am entering our utilities use on the Energy Star system. I also continue to collect timecards and submit our employees' hours to Smith Accounting.

Stepping ahead to June for a moment, I have worked with our Personnel and Building and Grounds committees on job descriptions for both of our job openings, and have produced job listings to be published in-house and in our local newspaper and Buyer's Guide. We have currently received applications for both positions.

I have also met with a family interested in donating some land to the church.

On a personal note, I have moved from my apartment and am situated 24/7 in my house at 619 River Street.

Regards,

Pr. Bryan Robertson

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