

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2017

Prepared by Bob Nida

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church Lounge

Present: Larry Faelchle, Pastor Peterson, Sarah Evinsky, Neal Coryell, Steve Mayer, Emily Godshalk, David Huskey and Bob Nida.

Absent: Geoff Wilhelm, Donna Bowman

Meeting called to order at 7:08PM

Pastor's Devotional: Philippians, Rejoice in the Lord, always.

Minutes: September's Council minutes were discussed. Edit suggested, 9:50PM meeting end... David Motioned to accept minutes, Emily seconded. Passes unanimously.

Action Items:

Old Business:

Email vote for magpie concert discussed. Pastor is in favor of the magpie concert, he adds his vote of approval.

Executive council need to finish some items, like employee reviews and membership list Discussed the letter for membership warnings about being a member and being a voting member.

New Business:

None presented in this context.

Executive Reports

- **President's Report.**

- Larry gave a key to Narcotics Anonymous. The group might want to keep meeting here beyond November. No known scheduling conflicts if they want to.
- Larry reported we need to have a proposal to present to the congregation for the gas line repair and boiler repair. David reports that the Bread room heating system has never been sized right. David reported that the existing boiler is not a brand recognized by the other boiler companies. Discussed proposing both gas line and boiler repairs in vote to congregation. We will add 15% to cover unexpected incidentals. Funding sources were discussed, potentially being shared by property endowment. Discussed the potential route of repair for the sleeving of the gas line. Does our building insurance cover a bad

boiler install? It is not believed to such. Discussed means and topics of presenting this to the congregation.

- **Vice President's Report.**

- Neal reported that we should consider raising cap of spending limits.
- Chorus will be practices on Saturday Nov 4th, 10AM. Need someone to let the chorus in and close up when they leave. Monday Nov 27th 7PM is another rehearsal.
- Neal moved that we allow CGMC rehearsals in sanctuary on Nov 4th, 10AM and Monday 27th 7PM. Sarah seconded. Passed unanimously.
- Crop Walk may have raised over \$1,800. Still getting totals. Likely a record year for TLC.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Steve discussed operating fund. Operating deficit is a little less than normal. Believes we might remain on track with pledge goals.
- Steve presented 2018 draft of projected budget. Flowers are potentially not being covered by congregation. Removed wedding projections. Added CoL wage increases. Pastor benefits have gone up. Funding for Consecration Sunday meal was discussed.
- 2018 Budget presentation to congregation for approval was discussed potentially for the first Sunday of December.
- David motioned to accept Treasurer's report and payments, Neal seconded. Passed unanimous.

- **Pastor's Report**

- Pastor is teaching a course at Capital University. Alpha is going well, about 20 people are attending. Jack Green or John Sterling are considering joining the congregation. Pastor Libby Buck is also considering joining.

Committee Reports

- **Community Ministry**

- LSS food pantry is presenting something new about their operations.
- Habitat house that Trinity members helped on has been completed and handed over to a family.

- **Congregational Life**

- Met to discuss reception after the Reformation concert.

- **Evangelism/Communications**

- Sarah is preparing a visitor packet with information about the ELCA and TLC. Visiting the vocational school nearby. Pastor will be handing out water at the marathon.

- **Property**

- No additional discussions about property. Property matters were discussed in President's section.

- **Spiritual Formation**

- Pastor contributed that he believes that the 4th Saturday is successful in bringing people together.

- **Worship**

- No additional discussions.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 9:52PM.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio
Pastor's Report for Church Council
For August, 2017
Submitted October 10th, 2017

I. Worship and Common Prayer

- A. Led 2 worship services and preached all weekends of September except 9/30
- B. Midweek worship each Thursday of September @ 6:15
- C. Worship and Music Team 9/12
- D. Myra's internment 9/9
- E. Baptisms: Miriam Evinsky on 9/10; Evan Truong on 9/24

II. Spiritual Formation

- A. Spiritual formation Team mtg. 9/6
- B. Prepped for and participated in 4th Sunday Intergeren event 9/23
- C. Alpha Prep, Mtgs. 9/20 & 27
- D. Rally Day/Season mtg 8/10
- E. Prep for Reformation event @ St. John's Episcopal 9/30
- F. New member prep for Tom Tolbert and Kaitlin Morehead 9/5 & 26

III. Inreach

- A. Congregational Life:
 - 1. Team Meeting 9/3
- B. Pastoral Care:
 - 1. Hospital, sick, & homebound: 9/1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 14, 16, 19, 21, 24, 28
 - 2. Pre-marital/Baptism/Funeral: 9/5, 29
 - 3. Other member visits: 9/5
 - 4. Various phone calls and notes weekly

IV. Outreach

- A. Evangelism/Communication:
 - 1. No mtg. in September
 - 2. A few Facebook posts per week
 - 3. Streetwalking 2x/wk.
 - 4. Marrion Village fir 9/10
- B. Visitors and Prospective Members:
 - 1. Met w/ prospective members 9/12, 24
 - 2. Lots of phone calls to regular members & friends
 - 3. Notes, emails, or calls to visitors weekly
- C. Community Ministry:
 - 1. Regular contacts through Samaritan Ministry
 - 2. Faith Advocacy mtg 9/24

V. Support Work

- A. Staff:
 - 1. Mary—2x weekly (ca. 15 minutes @)
 - 2. Lori—occasional base-touching
 - 3. Dr. Tom 9/3

- B. Property:
 1. Several discussions w/ David Huskey
 2. Trash pick-up through the churchyard weekly
- C. Finance: A few contacts w/ Steven Mayer
Stopped into mtg 9/5
- D. Council 9/19
- E. Trans-congregational:
 1. Pericope study w/local pastors, Wednesdays 8:00-9:30
 2. Cluster mtg: 9/19
 3. Central OH Conference 9/14

VI. Professional & Personal Development, Time Off, Reimbursements, etc.

- A. Scholarship, study, and teaching
 1. Completed of "God in a Single Vision," by David Brown for Anglican Studies Review
 2. Prepared and presented "Luther and Melancthon" for Reformation workshop at St. John Episcopal Church, Worthington, to be held 9/29
 3. Teaching "Religious Foundations and the Bible" (UC 220-11, 3 credit hours) at Capital University M & F 12:00-1:15 p.m.
- B. Time away scheduled for 2017
 1. Continuing Ed Total budgeted: 2 weeks, (10 workdays, including 2 Sundays)
 - a) Language Study in Costa Rica 1/10-12, 14-15, 17-19, 21-22,
 - b) Total taken in 2017: 10 days, including 2 Sundays
 2. Vacation Total Given: 4 weeks (20 workdays, including 4 Sundays)
 - a) Costa Rica: 1/24, 25, 26
 - b) May 19-29 "Learning from London" w/Bexley-Seabury Seminary
(7 normal workdays: 5/18, 20, 23, 24, 25, 27; 2 Sundays 5/21 & 28)
 - c) 7/5, 6, & 7 (visit to my sister in MN)
 - d.) Total so far: (12 workdays, incl. 2 Sundays)
 - e.) Upcoming: American Academy of Religion (11/15-18 + Sunday 11/19)
 - f.) Total will then be 17 days, incl. 3 Sundays.
 3. Reimbursements:
 - a. Mileage: 277 miles (x \$0.535/ mile =) \$148.19

VII. Remarks

1. Alpha is going quite well. Each week we've had around 20 people participating. If ¼ of these will be willing to form an Alpha team, we should be able to run our own alpha in the Springtime. Alpha has been a very powerful and successful means for many types of churches to reach young unchurched folks.
2. Jack Green and John Starling are prepared to become members on All Saints Sunday. Pastor Libby Buuck is ready to join on either the weekend of the women's thank offering OR on Christ the King Sunday (November 26th). Aaron Butts, James Tompsett, the Quinns and the Bakers could of course join any time.
3. Things are on track for an excellent celebration of the Reformation on Sunday, October 29th, both in the morning and at our afternoon concert.

4. I have two wishes for growing together with God at Old Trinity: 1) To have a Sunday night gathering to pray, maybe sing, and brainstorm about the readings for the coming Sunday, and 2) That I would schedule 30 min one-on-one meeting with members each week.

5. Too many people have these past weeks: Kyle Whaley, Bob Weld, Norm Hively, Pr. Maggie Lux-Cummings, and all the victims of hurricanes, floods, shootings, and fires. Lord, have mercy!

Communications & Evangelism Team Report

Evangelism Event Planned for Marathon 10/15

- Volunteers will distribute water, fruit, and cookies to runners.
- Meet at 7am in the church parking lot

October Meeting To be Held 10/17 at 10am

- Assembling Visitor Packets
- Visit scheduled to Vocational High School