

Trinity Lutheran Church
Executive Council Minutes
December 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm by Cheri Carsten and opened with a short devotion and prayer led by Pastor Hafeman from Colossians 1:15-20. Jesus is the authority. He is with us always and oversees our lives.

Quorum was established. Present at the meeting were Pastor Hafeman, Cheri Carsten, Paul Jackson, Linda Gold, and Kevin Knief.

Minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting were distributed to Board Members and Chairs by email prior to the meeting. After review, a motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The motion passed. The minutes will be posted to the church website.

Reports:

Treasurer

No Report.

Board Reports

The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries

Cheri reported on the December meeting:

1. The Board approved 50% payment of the registration fees for students to attend the Confirmation Retreat in January proposed by DCE, Angela Erickson.
2. Review of the five-year plan and an overview with the DCE is planned for the next Elder's meeting.
3. The Board will arrange a Thrivent presentation for the designation of Choice Dollars between services on a non-Communion Sunday in January.
4. The Board is also providing the staff gift contribution envelopes and will finalize the amounts to be distributed in early January.
5. The next Board meeting is January 7th.

The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries

Cheri stated that a budget review is planned for January, which is halfway through our fiscal year, and staffing plans are scheduled for review at the end of April.

The Board of Property Ministries

Kevin updated project status:

1. The Board is working on getting gravel to complete the preschool and K-8 playgrounds.
2. Take down of the Christmas church decorations is planned for the next church clean-up day, January 14th.
3. Kevin will install a motion sensor light at the front of the church entryway for additional lighting and security.

The Board of Education Ministries

Cheri reported on the December meeting:

1. The Board is looking into selling Trinity Lutheran zip-up hooded sweatshirts and t-shirts for a school fundraiser.
2. The Sunday school Christmas program is scheduled for the second service on December 18th.
3. The preschool and school Christmas program is scheduled for December 21st during the final midweek Advent services at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.
4. Katie Groves is researching pre-school fees for a projected rate increase next year.
5. The first girls and boys home basketball game is planned for December 20th.
6. PTL is up and running.
7. The Board will provide a staff Christmas lunch on December 16th.
8. The next Board meeting is January 4th.

Old Business:

The Council reviewed the election results from the Voter's Meeting and updated the organizational chart, which will be posted in the January newsletter. The Council thanked Paul for directing the voting process at the meeting.

New Business:

None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Hafeman.

The next meeting of the Executive Council will be held on January 9th at 7:00 p.m.