

Trinity Lutheran Church
Executive Council Minutes
February 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Cheri Carsten and opened with a short devotion and prayer led by JoLynn Baral from Proverbs 4:23. "Above all else, guard your heart for everything you do flows from it."

Quorum was established. Present at the meeting were Cheri Carsten, Linda Gold, Vicki Akin, JoLynn Baral, and Ken Clavir.

Minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting were distributed to Officers, 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 The overall Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Statement for July 2016 through January 2017 was distributed at the meeting. Registration and school tuition income are up and better than expected. The -\$730.50 miscellaneous income entry was for staff gifts and the Deaf Ministry expenses budget entry of \$4,500.00 was a donation. After review, a motion to approve the January financial report was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Board Reports

The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries

Ken reported on the January and February meetings:

1. Five-year plan refined and will be submitted shortly to the congregation. Action Items include Missions/Outreach, Worship Services, Education, Social Outreach, Staffing of the Church, and Management.
2. Staff vacation and Lent schedules were reviewed.
3. Faith Comes from Hearing BibleSticks will be available for purchase beginning Ash Wednesday with a matching period offered from Feb. 19th through March 10th.
4. Memorial opportunity information and costs are forthcoming regarding new stained glass windows for the church sanctuary.
5. The Board reviewed the 2007-2016 Trinity Attendance Year Summaries, discussed a summer single-service, and a chair lift system for stairs in the church.
6. The Elders are looking into setting up Reformation workshops and speakers.

The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries

Vicki reported on the January meeting:

1. The Board will meet on a monthly basis; dates and times will vary.
2. Budget planning timetable discussed – the budget template will be available to the Boards by the first of March and due back to the Finance Board by April 14th.
3. The next Voter's Meeting is scheduled for May 21st.
4. An Endowment Committee has been formed to research options for real estate and stock donations.
5. The 2016 Envelope Offerings Report was reviewed. The Board is also looking into direct deposit for offerings.

The Board of Property Ministries

1. Gravel spreading on the preschool playground is completed.
2. A one year heating and AC maintenance contract for the church was submitted and donated by Scott Butterworth.
3. The Board will be reviewing costs for pew renovation and spring/summer lawn mowing.

The Board of Education Ministries

JoLynn reported on the February meeting:

1. TLS apparel will be available for purchase soon and again in August.
2. Reviewing regulations for the extended care (before and after school) program.
3. Preparing the application for a 3rd preschool room that includes the cafeteria and library.
4. The Board will hold a joint meeting with the Property Board in April to make plans for classroom moves to prepare for the 2017-2018 school year growth issues.
5. The Board's March meeting will be their budget meeting.
6. The new K-8 science teacher, Rebecca Ilgen will teach part-time through the end of the school year on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the science/art, multi-purpose room.
7. Still searching for a Sunday School Superintendent.

Old Business:

The Thrivent presentation for the designation of Choice Dollars is rescheduled for March 5th.

New Business:

The April Council Meeting is rescheduled for April 17th to accommodate the Property Board and BOCE joint planning meeting on April 10th.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

The meeting closed with a prayer led by Ken Clavir.

The next meeting of the Executive Council will be held on March 13th at 7:00 p.m.