

Trinity Lutheran Church
Executive Council Minutes
February 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by Mike Thuener and opened with a prayer led by Pastor Hafeman.

Quorum was established. Present at the meeting were Pastor Hafeman, Mike Thuener, Cheri Carsten, Elaine Jecminek, Pam Clavir, Dan Jecminek, Kristen Meritt, and Gary Klipp.

Minutes of the December 8, 2018 Council Meeting were not available, and will be approved at the next council meeting.

Treasurer Kristen Meritt reported that we are on track with the budget. The Sunday School budget appears a little high, as most materials are purchased at the beginning of the school year. Clarification was made that the website fee is \$25 per month for the platform fee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial report. The motion passed.

Board Reports

The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries

1. Gary reported that a decision was made concerning the Pastoral Assistant position and will be communicated by letter.
2. DCE Angela gave her report at the Elders' meeting indicating she will be working on a social media strategy. Angela also mentioned Journey to the Cross, an outreach and educational event which will be held on Maundy Thursday.
3. On March 19, we will be hosting the Rocky Mountain District - LCMS Nurturing the FAITH 2019 Gathering workshop. Guest speaker is Dr. Ryan Peterson.
4. Elders have approved the continued use of pre-filled candles.
5. Brenda Schmidt requested to replace worn communion ware. She will research possibly silver plating the worn items, and report back to the Elders.
6. On March 31, Reverend Roegner will be giving the sermon at Trinity and will have a Bible study session.
7. The second seminar of "Now What?" is scheduled for Sunday, March 24. Steve Cooper will include a representative from Moser Funeral Home to the list of speakers.
8. Pastor mentioned Lenten services will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Services will be at 10:00 a.m. with lunch served, and at 7:00 p.m.

The Board of Property Ministries

1. Dan indicated the original plans from 1998-1999 narthex expansion have been located. These plans are being reviewed and analyzed. He will be working with contractors to get an estimate for the expansion. At this time, we just need the basic construction cost.
2. Currently we are considering a new disposal and equipment upgrades for the Fellowship Hall as well as a defibrillator for the church. LWML voted to purchase these with the Easter Love offering.
3. We have learned one of the furnaces at the school is only partially functional. Also, Les will be reviewing the settings on all furnaces.
4. Cheri mentioned the LWML has purchased Scrip cards for the Property Board use in the past. They have funds now to do this if someone requests them.

The Board of Education Ministries

1. Pam reported that board members are fully aware of all goals.
2. She stated that Gwen gave a report as to how to keep staffing at the appropriate levels.
3. There will be no increase for K-8 tuition next year but a 5% increase for preschool. Kindergarten fees will need increase, the amount undetermined.
4. We would like to expand our relationship with Colorado Shines. Workshops are available for pre-K teachers.
5. Offerings from the children's Sunday School and adult Bible studies have enabled us to purchase an animal package for needy families in Asia.

6. The calendar for the 2019-2020 school year was approved.
7. For this Sunday, the opening of Lutheran Schools Week, the children will be singing at both services. We all are encouraged to meet school families and invite them to Bible studies/Sunday School. Also we encourage the congregation to attend events connected to Lutheran Schools Week.
8. Kristen and Angela are working out details for VBS.
9. The Middle School students from Trinity Lutheran School will be taking a trip to Washington, D.C. in April. Angela Erickson and Brian Anderson will chaperone. Students have paid their own ways. We hope to be able to offer this trip every three years.

The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries

1. Kristen reported that cash flow is adequate.
2. The online giving platform will be with "Prolific", which is tied to the Lutheran Church Federal Credit Union. Fees the church would pay: \$10 monthly fee, as well as approximately 0.9% for use of a debit card, or 2.9% for using a credit card. Prolific can also be used for online sign-ups for events, as well as donations to the school. There will be a "donate now" button and a "recurring" button.
3. Budget template - Vicki will send this out before the March meeting. Due dates for budgets will likely be by the end of April. Cheri mentioned Connie has advised that the cost for Phase 3 could possibly be put into the current mortgage, which would not affect the current mortgage payment, but would extend the life of the loan.

Old Business:

Everyone has their goals for the year.

New Business:

Cheri mentioned Gwen is looking for help in the pre-school classes. Gwen is hoping to move to Greeley soon.

Pastor reflected on events in the world today, and cited a famous quote "Evil will persist and thrive if the righteous keep quiet." In this vein, we Christians need to voice our concerns to our government representatives. Pastor asked if we could make a list of contact information for these representatives to be available for the congregation. This was approved.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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

The next meeting of the Executive Council will be held on March 9 at 8:30 a.m.