

Trinity Lutheran Church
Executive Council Minutes
January 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 am by Cheri Carsten and opened with a short devotion and prayer led by Pastor Hafeman based on Genesis 28 regarding Jacob's dream about the ladder to Heaven and God's promise to each one of us; "I am with you and will keep you wherever you go". Jesus is the stairway, the ladder, the gate, and the door. We are intimately connected to Heaven.

Quorum was established. Present at the meeting were Pastor Hafeman, Cheri Carsten, Paul Jackson, Linda Gold, Vicki Akin, Kristen Meritt, Gary and Linda Klipp, Pam Clavir, and Kevin Knief.

Minutes of the October 9, 2017 Council 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. (No Council Meetings were held in November or December 2017; quorum was not established).

Minutes of the December 3, 2017 Voters 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 and are pending final approval at the next voters meeting.

Reports:

Treasurer The overall Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Statement for July 2017 through June 2018 was distributed at the meeting. Vicki stated that we are half-way through our fiscal year and because of a significant contribution made to the church and school, total income is above 50% of budget and total expense (items from designated gifts) is slightly above 50% of budget. After further review, a motion to approve the December financial report was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Board Reports

The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries

1. Pastor Hafeman opened with a discussion regarding Life Sunday on January 28th. DCE, Angela Erickson is teaming up with the Pregnancy Resource Center to Embrace Grace by reaching out and connecting with pregnant mothers. "Thy Will Be Done" Lenten Services will begin February 14th at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm with meals. Our KFKA radio ministry received a \$600 donation. The Men's Ministry group held on Thursday mornings is steadily growing. Pastor requested that we keep our homebound in our prayers.
2. Gary Klipp reviewed and updated the Elder's five-year plan that includes an emphasis on young families and seniors, recruiting students, the food bank, developing a technology ministry, streaming services on video, and encouraging evangelism by the congregation through Bible studies.
3. Dan Jecminek is looking into stair lift options.

The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries

1. Cheri Carsten introduced and welcomed the new Board Chair, Kristen Meritt.
2. Kristen reported that cash flow is good.
3. The Board is looking into short-term interest bearing options for the significant contribution that was made to the church and school.
4. Researching costs, electrical requirements, and placement for electronic giving devices at the church.
5. The Board will be starting the new budget soon and is currently preparing W-2s, 1099s, and the Quarterly Finance Report for the Newsletter.
6. Planning upcoming directed-giving and tax reform workshops for church members.

The Board of Property Ministries

1. A dedication of the stained glass windows in the sanctuary is planned for February 11th.
2. Kevin Knief is finishing current electrical projects at the church and school.
3. Paul Jackson is scheduling a meeting with the Property Board and Trustees to review and finalize their five-year plan.

The Board of Education Ministries

1. Cheri introduced and welcomed the new Board Co-Chairs, Linda Klipp and Pam Clavir.
2. The Board will emphasize the scholarship fund with presentations by the teachers before services beginning January 21st through the following five weeks. Envelopes for donations are made by the students and a flyer/handout will include potential dollar amount sponsorships of TLS students.
3. The School Round-Up & Open House is Thursday, January 25th at 6:00 pm. There will be history fair projects in the gym, activities, and a pancake supper provided by the PTL. Teachers, Elders, and the Board will be on hand to interact with the students and their parents. There is also an advertisement for this event on KFKA radio.
4. The Board's goal is outreach to make connections between the church and school.

Old Business:

Positive feedback was received on the December 3rd Voters Meeting. The Treasurer's Report packet and presentation was very good and the 12:30 pm time change of the meeting contributed to better attendance for lunch.

New Business:

The new and improved school website will be up and running shortly.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

The meeting closed with a prayer led by Paul Jackson.

The next meeting of the Executive Council will be held on February 10th at 8:30 am.