

Trinity Lutheran Church
Executive Council Minutes
March 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 am by Paul Jackson and opened with a short devotion and prayer led by Paul based on 2 Chronicles 17:3-5; the Lord made the kingdom of Judah secure because the king, Jehoshaphat, walked in the ways of his father David. We will be blessed as leaders if we remain firm in the Lord and follow His way and not the people's way.

Quorum was established. Present at the meeting were Paul Jackson, Linda Gold, Kristen Meritt, Gary Klipp, Pam Clavir, and Les Durdy.

Minutes of the February 10, 2018 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.

Reports:

Treasurer The overall Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Statement for July 2017 through June 2018 was distributed by email prior to the meeting. Kristen Meritt reported that with only three months left in the fiscal year, envelope offerings are under budget. After further discussion and review, a motion to approve the February financial report was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Board Reports

The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries

1. Gary Klipp reviewed the senior focus of the five-year plan to stream video of services and to install a chair lift at the church. Pew renovation was also discussed.
2. Holy Week and Easter Services are as follows:
 - a. March 25th Palm Sunday services at 8:00 and 10:30 am
 - b. March 29th Maundy Thursday services at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm
 - c. March 30th Good Friday services at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm
 - d. April 1st Easter services with Communion at 6:00, 8:30, and 10:30 am
(choir and brass accompaniment at 8:30 am service only)
3. An agenda item will be added for the next Elders meeting to discuss a part-time business administrator position. Pam Clavir will write the job description.

The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries

1. Kristen said that the Board is researching alternative giving options and looking into the costs of implementing and operating stand-alone kiosks. She also talked about the importance of using scrip cards.
2. The budget template is not finished yet but the budgets will need to be completed by mid-April for presentation at the upcoming Voters Meeting in May. Kristen asked that the Boards consider needs vs. wants when preparing their budgets.

The Board of Property Ministries

1. Paul Jackson stated that the Board's five year plan is developed and projects are listed by year. Les Durdy will review priorities and associated costs of the projects for the budget with Debi Roethemeyer.
2. Les is also working on ways to cut down on utility costs at the church and school.
3. The Board is gearing up for gardening.

The Board of Education Ministries

1. Pam Clavir reported that the school budget is tight. There are plans to expand the summer pre-school program and raise tuition and fees.
2. The Board will also focus more on preschoolers moving up through subsequent grades at the next Round Up/Open House event.
3. The Board and PTL are working on a sponsorship program to contact other LCMS churches in Greeley as well as local business owners for support of our school. Kyle Erickson did a presentation at Gloria Christi about partnering with TLS to support Christian education.
4. The Board is looking for a preschool lead teacher. An employment tab will be added to the new school website with an on-line employment application form.
5. Scholarship fund information will be added to the school website as well. The fund raised \$9,600 this year and is okay for the time being. The Board discussed some state assistance tuition programs that may be available for the preschool. In addition, the Scholarship Committee will tighten up be more vigilant with the fund going forward.
6. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the 3rd week of June.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Paul requested a compilation of goals, by calendar year, from each Board to integrate into a single document to more easily review priorities.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

The meeting closed with a prayer led by Gary Klipp.

The next meeting of the Executive Council will be held on April 14th at 8:30 am.