

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Executive Council Minutes  
May 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Cheri Carsten and opened with a short devotion and prayer led by Pastor Hafeman based on scriptures from Corinthians, Ephesians, and Luke. Always be aware that the enemy, Satan, tries to destroy ministries and disrupt congregations. Through sacraments and prayer, put on the armor of God, as the weapons of the warfare are not of the flesh.

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

Minutes of the April 17, 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 April 30, 2017 was distributed at the meeting. Vicki said that we are 83% into the fiscal year and income is over budget at 89.0% and expenses are under budget at 76.8%. The principal paid on the mortgage (an expense item) is not on the report, but will be accounted for on future reports. After review, a motion to approve the April financial report was made and seconded. The motion passed.

**Board Reports**

**The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries**

Cheri reported on the May meeting:

1. The Board is working on the Pastoral Assistant job description.
2. The Elders presented Pastor Hafeman's evaluation.
3. Envelope offerings and attendance reports were reviewed.
4. There will be no single-service during the summer months this year.
5. Dr. Joshua Hollmann from Concordia College, in Bronx, New York, will speak at Trinity Lutheran on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm as a celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation; the topic will be *The Cross and Crescent, Reformers and Islam*.
6. The Elders are looking into acquiring the new Luther movie for the church by October.

**The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries**

1. The 2017-2018 proposed budget was reviewed by the Finance Board and endorsed by the Executive Council. The presentation summary will be presented at the Voter's Meeting.
2. Ending cash flow in April was good.

### **The Board of Property Ministries**

1. The Insurance Claim Adjuster evaluated the basement water damage at the church and school and the roof leak in the school gym from last week's storm.
2. School project work days for the new classrooms are listed on the white board in the church lobby and in the weekly bulletins. Volunteers are needed.
3. There will be no community garden this year because of time limitations.
4. Paul Jackson met with the Trustees to discuss their five-year plan and will have a report available at the next council meeting.

### **The Board of Education Ministries**

JoLynn reported on the May meeting:

1. The Board is working on teacher evaluations and the three preschool rooms.
2. Will hire a part-time preschool and part-time science teacher for this fall.
3. The last day of school is May 25<sup>th</sup>, 8th grade graduation is May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.
4. Picker's Paradise (garage sale fundraiser) is scheduled for Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> and will include the bounce house, a bake sale, and pork chop on-a-stick. Volunteers are needed.
5. The Electronics Recycle and Shred Day fundraiser is also scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until noon in conjunction with Picker's Paradise.
6. Vacation Bible School is June 12<sup>th</sup> through June 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until noon.
7. Preschool Summer Camp will begin June 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business:**

The Voter's Meeting is Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 pm. A light lunch will be provided by the Council before the meeting.

### **New Business:**

Doug Bliss and Pastor Hesse are creating Trinity Lutheran Church and School business cards for distribution by the congregation to the general public.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

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

The next meeting of the Executive Council will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.