

Trinity Lutheran Church
Executive Council Minutes
October 10, 2016

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 from Psalm 121. Help comes from the Lord, now and forevermore. We are never alone.

Quorum was established. Present at the meeting were Pastor Hafeman, Cheri Carsten, Paul Jackson, Linda Gold, Vicki Akin, and Kristi Sanderson.

Minutes of the September 19, 2016 meeting were distributed to 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 current Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2016 and the overall Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Statement for July 2016 through September 2016 and break-out Profit and Loss Statements were distributed by email prior to the meeting. Vicki said that the miscellaneous over-budget income items from last month's financials are resolved. After review, a motion to approve the September financial reports was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Board Reports

The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries

Cheri reported on the October meeting:

1. The Elders scheduled two Advent services each Wednesday beginning Nov. 30th at 10:00 am with a lunch and 6:00 pm with a soup supper. There will be four midweek services ending with the school program.
2. The Elders also scheduled one 9:00 am Christmas Day service with Holy Communion.
3. Kyle Erickson will present a school update at the church between services on Oct. 23rd.
4. More Readers are needed for both Sunday services.

The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries

1. Status of the 1st quarter cash flow is positive.
2. Vicki is working on a more in-depth quarterly financial report for the newsletter that will break-out the extra mortgage principal payments.
3. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to authorize the President and Treasurer of the Executive Council to be signers on the two LCEF accounts.

The Board of Property Ministries

Kristi updated project status:

1. The front of the church landscaping is completed.
2. Kristi discussed the construction of three 2'-3' metal crosses on the rocks at the southwest corner of the church in collaboration with Dean Roedel.
3. The Board suggested a dedication of the K-8 playground equipment when it is completed.
4. A drawing for the proposed Mel Prothe memorial for a west railing with memorial plaques is in progress.

The Board of Education Ministries

Cheri reported on the October meeting:

1. A specific need to increase the scholarship fund to at least \$3,000.00 per month will be the Board's focus in upcoming bulletins and newsletters particularly during the Oct. 23rd services.
2. Sunday school back-up teachers are needed.
3. Angela Erickson is scheduling youth group activities and is proposing Worship on Wednesdays (WOW) to begin after the first of the year.
4. The Board reviewed their budget and delinquent accounts.
5. There are three new K-8 students for a total of 26.

Old Business:

1. Paul Jackson is assisting the Property Board with their five-year plan.

New Business:

1. The Board's five-year plans are in progress and will be reviewed and finalized by January or February of 2017. As required, the five-year plans development will be reported on at the Voters Meeting.
2. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to hold the next Voter's Meeting on December 11th at 1:00 pm. A light lunch will be provided by the Executive Council.
3. The Nominating Committee for the election of officers and board chairs at the Voter's meeting will be Pastor Hafeman, Paul Jackson, and a church member that is not an officer on the Executive Council.
4. The Council will review a suggested comprehensive policy manual (A Legal Guide for LCMS Congregations, Schools, and Ministries – LCMS and Alliance Defending Freedom) in November that will be finalized and presented to the Voters in December.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

The meeting closed with a prayer led by Pastor Hafeman.

The next meeting of the Executive Council will be held on November 14th at 7:00 p.m.