

Trinity Lutheran Church
Executive Council Minutes
October 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Cheri Carsten and opened with a short devotion and prayer led by Pastor Hafeman based on Philippians 2:1-11. In light of the recent Las Vegas shootings and all of the hatred and division in our society, God directs and empowers us to put other's interests ahead of our own; we are all one in spirit and purpose. Jesus is the example at the highest level.

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

Minutes of the September 11, 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 2017 through June 2018 was distributed at the meeting. Vicki stated that we are one quarter through our fiscal year; Total income is at 25% and Total expense is at 25.5%. The Unclassified Income on the report is Reformation income thus far (special offerings) and is not budgeted. After further review, a motion to approve the September financial report was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Board Reports

The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries

1. The Elders confirmed that SWOT Goal #1 is encompassed in their five-year plan.
2. All of the Elders volunteered to participate as "characters" in the Reformation Walk during the Fall Festival on October 28th.
3. Thanksgiving service will be held at 9:00 am on November 23rd.
4. Christmas Eve service will be held at 5:00 pm on December 24th.
5. Christmas Day service will be held at 9:00 am on December 25th.
6. Advent services will be held on Wednesday mornings; no lunch. No evening services.
7. New Year's Eve service will be held at 5:00 pm on December 31st. No New Year's Day service.
8. Sharon Long is leading a new social team to visit our homebound members.

The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries

1. Cash flow is adequate, but still remains a challenge.
2. The no-fee loan re-amortization is completed, effective immediately, and reduces the LCEF mortgage payment by \$3,747 per month without any loan term changes. The Finance Board is looking into secure investment options for the monthly savings.
3. The Trinity Quilter's Biennial Quilt Auction raised \$25,579 that will be allocated to Quilter's expenses, one mortgage payment, the church savings account, and the scholarship fund.

The Board of Property Ministries

1. Paul Jackson will write out the five-year plan that will begin in 2018-2019 and submit it to the Property Board for a vote of approval.
2. A new Sunday School renovation team will move the nursery and Pastor Hafeman's Bible study room and do general cleaning and painting in all of the Sunday school rooms in the church basement.
3. Kevin Knief is working on back-lighting for the new inside sanctuary stained glass windows.

The Board of Education Ministries

1. The preschool and K-8 financials were reviewed. The Scholarship Fund and volunteer hours for scholarship recipients will be reviewed on a monthly basis.
2. There were no preschool violations incurred during the recent state licensing board inspection.
3. The Preschool Parent Advisory Board (sub-group of PTL) is planning two fundraisers.
4. Sunday school attendance is increasing.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to hold the next Voters Meeting on Sunday, December 3rd at 12:30 pm. A light lunch will be provided after the late service.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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

The next meeting of the Executive Council will be held on November 13th at 7:00 p.m.