

Trinity Lutheran Church
Voters Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2017

The Voters Meeting was called to order by Cheri Carsten at 12:40 pm and opened with a short devotion and prayer led by Pastor Hafeman based on Colossians 1:12-13. Pastor Hafeman said that we stand qualified for Heaven and to serve the Lord by grace and prayed for the Lord to bless our time shared together today at the meeting.

A total of 44 voting members signed the registration sheets. A quorum was established.

Minutes of the May 21, 2017 Voters Meeting were made available to members prior to the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The minutes will be posted to the church website.

Financial Status Report

Vicki Akin presented the Church and School Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2017. Copies were made available to members prior to the meeting. Vicki reported that we are five months into the fiscal year and Offerings & Other Income is under budget. She also reviewed the last four years of offerings compared to the last four years of tuition and said that tuition is trending up while offerings are trending down. Vicki thanked the members for paying into the Building Fund, which pays down the mortgage principle.

Board Reports:

The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries

Connie Mapes reported that because of the additional funds paid into the Building Fund, we were able to re-amortize the mortgage loan. The balance is now \$1,817,311.66, which reduces the monthly payment from \$13,603 to \$9,810. No fee or loan term changes were made to the existing loan that will be paid off in 2040. She said that if offerings increase over the Christmas season, the additional funds will be put into the savings account to get through the summer months.

In addition, the Trinity Quilt Auction raised almost \$22,700 and the silent auction raised \$2,400. The proceeds were distributed to the church and school operating funds (\$9,000), a mortgage payment (\$10,000), and the scholarship fund (\$425). Partitions were also purchased to set apart the quilter's equipment in the school lunchroom.

Connie also explained the Scrip program in detail. Historically, gift card purchases, available from thirty to forty businesses, raise \$12,000 per year for the church. The program has been declining over the last year and she encouraged us to continue participating because of the potential to double or triple the benefit to the church. The gift cards are also available for purchase online and at the school from Debi Roethemeyer. Kristin Merritt is working with Kyle Erickson and the PTL to educate parents at the school about the program as well. Cheri thanked the Finance Board for all their great work.

The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries

Ken Clavir reported on their recent Elders meetings. The Board discussed the success of the Reformation events and video series, updated the Christmas and Advent schedules, and planned to research chair lift costs. Ken also said that the Board will review their five-year plan in January and will be looking into current and future staffing needs as well as further developing existing job descriptions. He also asked that we consider making donations for staff gifts. The Board also discussed the Divine Call with Pastor Hafeman. Ken requested that we consider and continue to pray and support the KFKA radio ministry and our missionaries. In addition, beginning January 1st, the Board of Elders and the Executive Council will now meet the second Saturday morning of each month at 7:00 am and 8:30 am respectively. Ken added that we now have a new homebound members visiting team headed by Sharon Long.

The Board of Property Ministries

Kristi Sanderson reported on the completion of various projects at the church and school that included bush and stump removal, classroom floor replacement and painting, Sunday School Nursery room renovation, back lighting of the stained-glass windows in the sanctuary, purchase of a new dishwasher, and general maintenance and repair.

The Board of Education Ministries

JoLynn Baral reported that the school is growing and flourishing. There is growth in all grades and 2 ½ year olds were added to the preschool program. The Board hired key staff members and teachers and initiated a hot lunch program. The PTL also participated in many successful school events throughout the year.

Principal Kyle Erickson, spoke about the school staff and ECE Director Katie Groves. Kyle is conducting monthly meetings with Pastor Hafeman, Pastoral Assistant Larry Whitney, ECE Director Katie Groves, and DCE Angela Erickson to work on ways to continue bridging the church and school together. The PTL continues to take shape and has created many sub-committees. Kyle thanked everyone for their continued support of the school ministries.

Election of Officers and Board Members:

Paul Jackson reviewed and discussed the candidates up for re-election this year. He also noted that the President, Vice-President, and Secretary positions on the Executive Council are open next year because of term limits. Unless the current officers change positions, he asked that other members consider volunteering to serve. Paul then asked for nominations or volunteers from the floor. No nominations were forthcoming so Paul proposed a vote for a unanimous ballot. A motion was made and seconded to accept a unanimous ballot with no further discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote and all candidates were elected as follows:

Treasurer – Vicki Akin

Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries – Connie Mapes

Board of Education Ministries –

Terri Swanson, Kathy Durdy, Pam Clavir, and Laura Reiter

New Business:

Cheri reported that our congregation must elect a voting lay and alternate delegate to the Rocky Mountain District Convention in June. Mike Thuener and Steve Cooper volunteered. A motion was made and seconded to approve the delegates. The motion passed by unanimous vote and both delegates were elected. Pastor Hafeman will be the Pastoral delegate. Other nominations were also requested for District President, Vice Presidents, etc. but nominations from our congregation are not mandatory and there were no nominations made from the floor.

Cheri asked if there were any questions or concerns and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm followed by the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Hafeman.