

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Voters Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2017

The Voters Meeting was called to order by Cheri Carsten at 1:04 pm and opened with a short devotion and prayer led by Paul Jackson based on John 14:15-17. The Holy Spirit is in all of us and speaks and works through us. Each of us has a role for the benefit of the church through our common faith in Jesus.

Cheri Carsten welcomed everyone and thanked the Officers, Boards, Debi Roethemeyer, and Jerry Henkel for their hard work, commitment, and dedication.

A total of 32 voting members signed the registration sheets. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the December 11, 2016 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.

**Budget Presentation:** A copy of the proposed 2017-2018 budget and a summarized version of the current financial report as of April 30, 2017 were made available to members prior to the meeting. Vicki Akin reported that the current 10 month income and expense financial report is good news; there is no deficit. Cash flow is monitored closely every week.

Cheri presented the 2017-2018 budget for approval with a projected deficit of \$69,613.80 as a result of the significant growth at the school. Connie Mapes stated that adding a new preschool room, hiring additional teachers and aides, as well as splitting the kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade class, is necessary to accommodate current and projected growth, transitioning existing students to the next grade level, and in recruiting new students.

After many positive comments from members and a discussion regarding the benefit-cost ratio, Cheri asked that we take a risk and approve the budget and deficit. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2017-2018 budget. The motion passed by a majority vote.

## **Board Reports:**

### **The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries**

Board Chair, Gary Klipp presented an overview of the Board's activities regarding the Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Missions, advertising, confirmation classes, and the additional responsibilities of DCE, Angela Erickson to temporarily assume the Sunday School Superintendent role. He reported that the Elder's five-year plan is published, there will be no single service this summer, and Concordia professor and speaker, Joshua Hollman is scheduled to present a seminar at Trinity Lutheran on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. The Board also approved a 2% across-the-board increase of pastoral staff salaries as part of their budget worksheet. They are currently working on the pastoral evaluation and a job description of the Pastoral Assistant position.

### **The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries**

Board Chair, Connie Mapes reported that the Finance Team will continue to look into ACH (automated clearing house) options for automatic giving and a kiosk system for offerings at the church.

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

Kristi Sanderson reviewed current and upcoming projects at the church and school. Water leaks and damage at the school gym from the recent storms has been fixed. The Board is looking into installing individual AC units per room at the school, acquiring bids for pew renovation, staining and resealing the church doors, installing a chair lift system, and scheduling a kitchen electrical assessment at the school for the lunch program. School work days are scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

Board Chair, JoLynn Baral discussed current preschool needs. The Board will hire a part-time preschool teacher, a middle school teacher, and part-time science teacher for next fall. JoLynn also reviewed the Sunday school program and the upcoming VBS program; volunteers are needed. Eighth grade graduation is scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup>. Kyle Erickson spoke about Shannon Connor who will become the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher and will also work on publishing a yearbook. Kyle is also working with the monthly PTL meetings and has 15 parents currently attending. In addition, DCE, Angela Erickson will add 5 hours per week to her schedule beginning Aug 1<sup>st</sup> to mentor a Sunday school teacher to eventually transition to the Sunday School Superintendent position.

### **New Business:**

None.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

The voters meeting closed with a short prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer led by Paul Jackson.