

Trinity Lutheran Church
Executive Council Minutes
July 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Cheri Carsten and opened with a devotion and prayer led by Pastor Hafeman from Colossians 1:9-14. We continue to grow together in the faith and rejoice and give thanks in the salvation that is in our possession.

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

Minutes of the June 13, 2016 meeting were distributed to Board Members and Chairs by email prior to the meeting. 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 June 30, 2016 and the overall Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Statement for July 2015 through June 2016 and break-out Profit and Loss Statements were distributed by email prior to the meeting. Vicki said that cash flow is still an issue. Some bills are on hold so year-end reports are not yet available. Connie suggested setting up payable items for year-end expenses going forward. After review, a motion to approve the June financial reports was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Board Reports

The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries

Cheri reported on the July meeting:

1. Summer service evaluation summaries and comments were presented to the Elders from 136 forms submitted.
2. The Elders voted to return to two services beginning August 7th because of summer attendance and offerings concerns.
3. Two more summer evaluation forms will be given to the congregation on July 31st and August 14th to determine the viability of a summer service next year.
4. The DCE job description will be finalized in August; the Elders will issue a call to fill the position.
5. The Garms Family concert netted \$659, the Elders guaranteed \$300 and the 50 people who attended the concert contributed \$359.
6. Movie night will resume when there is a good movie available, which may encourage better attendance than scheduling a movie every month.

The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries

1. The Finance Board will meet to prepare the fiscal year-end financial reports that will be available in August. Categories will need to be adjusted when entering the new budget.
2. A QuickBooks training package was purchased to train and assist Debi Roethemeyer and Board members in learning the program to prepare financials and various reports. Connie and Kristen Meritt will be able to track trends over time and year-end results can be compared to previous years.

The Board of Property Ministries

1. Kevin reported that the Property Board meeting is scheduled for July 19th.
2. Landscaping will resume in late August.
3. The old gray tractor has been sold; the school van will also be sold.
4. Plans are not yet finalized for set-up of the new K-8 playground equipment.
5. Church dusk to dawn entryway lights are installed and functioning.

The Board of Education Ministries

JoLynn reported on the July meeting:

1. The school operating budget was discussed at the BOCE meeting. The new budget for 2016-2017 will be entered into QuickBooks.
2. Interviews are in progress for two new pre-school lead teachers.
3. The Picker's Paradise fundraiser needs adult volunteers for money collection, bathroom monitoring, bouncy house, wrist bands, and bake sale. Pork Chop On-A-Stick also needs volunteers for the Greeley Arts Picnic.
4. The 70th School Anniversary committee has scheduled the celebration for Sept. 18th. The focus is on thanking church members for their continued support.
5. Back to School night is scheduled for August 16th.
6. The Summer Camp and Vacation Bible School programs were successful.
7. Pre-school daycare enrollment is at 17 students with an average of 7 students coming on a daily basis. There are currently 33 pre-school students and 23 K-8 students pre-registered for next year.
8. Kyle Erickson is running an intramural sports program and was able to purchase soccer and basketballs with donated Walmart cards. All donated cards are welcome and used to purchase equipment and supplies for the school.
9. The next BOCE meeting will be held on August 1st at 6:00 pm in the school library.

Old Business:

Paul discussed the dissolution of the SWOT Committee approved at the Voters Meeting and requested that their Committee's two goals be officially reassigned to other boards. After review, a motion was made and seconded to assign SWOT Goal #1 to the Elders and Goal #7 to the Financial and Stewardship Ministries. The motion passed.

New Business:

Pastor noted that the 500th anniversary of the Reformation is coming soon in 2017. Also, the 66th Convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is now in progress in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Pastor will update the Council regarding area Synod Circuit meetings held once a month for nine months out of the year. As a member of the Rocky Mountain District, Longs Peak Circuit, our circuit encompasses Greeley, Ft. Collins, Longmont, Estes Park, and Johnstown.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm. The meeting closed with a prayer led by Pastor Hafeman. The next meeting of the Executive Council will be held on August 8th at 7:00 p.m.