

Trinity Lutheran Church
Executive Council Minutes
June 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Cheri Carsten and opened with a devotion and prayer led by Pastor Hafeman from Romans 1: 18-32; in reference to the Florida shooting, men are without excuses who worship the world instead of God. Satan is at work in the gay community. We continue to love and pray for those who live contrary to God's will.

Quorum was established. Present at the meeting were Pastor Hafeman, Cheri Carsten, Linda Gold, Vicki Akin, and JoLynn Baral.

Minutes of the May 9, 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 May 31, 2016 and the overall Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Statement for July 2015 through May 2016 and break-out Profit and Loss Statements were distributed by email prior to the meeting. Vicki said that the checkbook balances again this month and board expenses match total expenses on the P&L as well. She also said that June offerings have dropped off as expected. Since cash flow is tight, Cheri has asked Debi to watch spending and stage the bills the next two weeks. After review, a motion to approve the May financial reports was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Board Reports

The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries

Cheri reported on the June meeting:

1. The Elders are compiling the summer service evaluation forms from the first Sunday in June. There has been positive feedback thus far with at least 90% of respondents liking the service, organist, and music. Suggested improvements of the worship experience included requests for the Praise Band and a shorter service.
2. The Elders reviewed a presentation prepared by Angela Erickson about Directors of Christian Education. They will be developing a job description for that position at Trinity.
3. A new Worship Team was created to assist Pastor and currently has 4 volunteers: Steve Cooper, Pam Clavir, Jeff Junker, and Brenda Schmidt.
4. The ushers will sit by the sanctuary doors and the offices will be locked during services for added security going forward.
5. The Garms Family concert is scheduled for June 26th at 7:00 pm. Invitation cards and posters are available in the narthex.

The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries

No report.

The Board of Property Ministries

1. The sod has been replaced at the front of the church.
2. Roger Munsterman has ordered a new John Deere lawn tractor with a two-year warranty funded through memorial funds.
3. The old gray tractor and school van will be sold.

The Board of Education Ministries

JoLynn reported on the June meeting:

1. Former lead teacher, Katie Groves was promoted as the new Early Childhood Director replacing Kari Way. The Board is looking for a new lead teacher.
2. According to Synodical attorneys, Trinity is exempt from the new school guidelines to provide transgender bathrooms or incurring certain overtime expenses.
3. The Pickers Paradise fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, August 6th. Flyers and invitations are available in the narthex. Money raised from the sale of the parking lot spots will fund the new K-8 language arts curriculum.
4. The new K-8 playground equipment is on-site and ready for set up.
5. Plans for the Trinity School 70th anniversary celebration are underway. Linda Klipp is looking for volunteers to brainstorm and assist.
6. Four full- time and 11 part-time preschoolers are enrolled in the Summer Camp program.
7. Kyle Erickson discussed the sports program that includes homeschoolers and an open gym program beginning in July with the attendees at the ChuckWagon BBQ. The sports program includes boys and girls basketball and volleyball.

Old Business:

Minutes of the May 22, 2016 Voters Meeting were distributed to Board Members and Chairs by email prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes, pending voter approval at the next voters meeting, was made and seconded. The motion passed. The minutes will be posted to the church website.

New Business:

Pastor and the Council discussed the summer service as being an overall good experience so far.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

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

The next meeting of the Executive Council will be held on July 11th at 7:00 p.m.