

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Executive Council Minutes  
March 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Cheri Carsten and opened with a short devotion and prayer led by Pastor Hafeman from Daniel 6:1-5. As Christians, if we remain faithful to God we can have great influence in our families and communities.

Quorum was established. Present at the meeting were Pastor Hafeman, Cheri Carsten, Paul Jackson, Vicki Akin, JoLynn Baral, Les Durdy, Kevin Knief, and Ken Clavir.

Minutes of the February 13, 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 2016 through March 13, 2017 was distributed at the meeting. Vicki said that we are eight months into the fiscal year and income is over budget and expenses are under budget. Ending cash position at the end of February is in the black. After review, a motion to approve the February financial report was made and seconded. The motion passed.

**Board Reports**

**The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries**

Ken reported on the March meeting:

1. The Elders ask that the Property Board look into a chair lift system for the stairs in the church.
2. The Elders will purchase a smaller, less expensive Easter advertisement in the Tribune this year and will utilize the church website for Easter advertising as well.
3. The Board is defining an official Pastoral Assistant job description with assistance from Pastor Hafeman and Larry Whitney.
4. The Board is also looking at options to get a Reformation speaker. Paul Jackson will check with Gloria Christi and Pastor Hafeman will inquire at the Circuit Meeting regarding speakers and shared expenses.
5. A Luther movie has been released from the Synod and may be a potential opportunity for a movie night.
6. Debi is looking into a banner and signs for Easter and other upcoming events.
7. Pastor Hafeman will recognize new transfer members this coming Sunday in church.
8. The next meeting will involve work on the budget and how to publish the five-year plan.

**The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries**

1. Vicki stated that this year's budget numbers from the Boards are due back to Finance by April 15th. The final budget will be presented at the Voters Meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **The Board of Property Ministries**

Les and Kevin reported on the March meeting:

1. Les updated current projects; the lawn equipment is being serviced and the natural gas line is repaired.
2. The budget is almost completed.
3. The Board will arrange a meeting time with the Trustees to review their five-year plan. Paul Jackson is also assisting with the plan.
4. Additional lawn mowing support is needed for Virtus.
5. Les explained electric demand. It may be time to again research using solar power.

## **The Board of Education Ministries**

JoLynn reported on the March meeting:

1. The budget for staffing was submitted to the Finance Board.
2. The Board approved the early childhood budget that includes a substitute teacher, a preschool and K-8 lunch program, and the addition of a new classroom.
3. Kyle Erickson was nominated as the accreditation Team Captain for one of the Colorado Lutheran schools.
4. A new K-8 teacher, Shannon Conner, was hired for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades.
5. Still looking for a Sunday School Superintendent.
6. The BOCE and Sunday school will be hosting an Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday.
7. The next meeting (joint meeting) with the Property Board is scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

## **Old Business:**

1. The April Council Meeting is rescheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.
2. The second of the three Easter services is at 8:30 am instead of 8:00 am to allow more time for the Easter Breakfast.
3. Paul Jackson is trying to put together a Stewardship team.

## **New Business:**

1. The Pastor evaluation was sent out to four Board Chairs and is due back by March 19<sup>th</sup>.
2. Trinity now has 67 permanent followers on Facebook and 196 people have viewed the TLC Youth & Family blog.
3. Pastor Hafeman said a new Adult Information Class has begun. Elder members will be invited to speak with the new members.
4. Two new couples have visited Trinity for services and Bible study within the past three weeks from other area churches.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Hafeman. The next meeting of the Executive Council will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.