

Trinity Lutheran Church
Executive Council Minutes
November 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 8:42 am by Cheri Carsten and opened with a short devotion and prayer led by Pastor Hafeman based on Romans 1:18 and 1Timothy 2:1 in light of the recent elections. We are living in the Book of Acts. The Creator is not acknowledged. "For the wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men..." However, on the flipside, request prayers "be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." We have a great opportunity and the freedom to share the Gospel and the message of hope.

Quorum was established. Present at the meeting were Pastor Hafeman, Cheri Carsten, Paul Jackson, Linda Gold, Vicki Akin, Gary and Linda Klipp, Pam Clavir, Dan Jecminek, and Kristen Merritt.

Minutes of the October 13, 2018 Council 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 2018 through June 2019 was distributed at the meeting. Vicki reported that current income is under budget and expenses are over budget as of November 9th. After discussion and review, a motion to approve the October financial report was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Board Reports

The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries

1. The elderly services resource seminar (Now What?) Sunday, Dec. 2nd at 2:00 pm
2. Holiday Plans:
 - a. TLS Christmas program – Wed., Dec. 19th at 10:00 am & 6:00 pm
 - b. Sunday School program – Sun., Dec. 16th at 10:30 am service
 - c. Christmas Caroling and Pizza – Sat., Dec. 8th at 5:00 pm
 - d. Advent Services – Wednesdays, Dec. 5th, 12th, & 19th at 10:00 am only

The Board of Property Ministries

1. Considering Fellowship Hall upgrades or a new addition (original Phase 3 plans) on the east side and front of the church. Tentative plan to present options, costs, etc. at the next Voters Meeting.
2. The Board is planning to meet every other month beginning in January.
3. Current projects:
 - a. Holiday church decorating Sat., December 1st and volunteers are needed
 - b. Pew renovation date is early December
 - c. Landscaping work is completed
 - d. The swing set is moved; reviewing plans for preschool playground expansion
 - e. Looking into options for replacing carpet in the school library

The Board of Education Ministries

1. Currently 39 children are attending preschool; Thanksgiving Feast is Nov. 15th and 16th.
2. School is closed Nov. 19th – 23rd.
3. The PTL raised approximately \$3500 in Butter Braids sales; Trinity Quilters Bazaar donated \$1500.
4. City Rec basketball is in the school gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays through February.
5. The TLS Veteran's Day program was very successful and well organized.
6. November Cooks Night Out is at Right Coast Pizza for one week, Nov. 18th – 24th.
7. Finalizing scholarship fund raising with a presentation from Kyle and 8th grader with parents on Veterans Day, Sunday, Nov. 11th.

The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries

1. Savings and Thrivent account balances were discussed. Received \$5,000 from Thrivent Choice Dollars last week – Vicki will prepare a handout to explain how to designate Choice Dollars to Trinity in January.
2. Vicki will present clarification of categories on giving envelopes and Kristen will present a recommendation for changes to the building fund at the upcoming Voters Meeting.

Old Business:

The Voters Meeting Election of Officers is on Sunday, Dec. 9th at 12:30 pm.
A light lunch will be provided between services.

New Business:

The Elders proposed an "All Boards Meeting" in conjunction with the new Council members that will include a review of each Board's five-year plan on January 12th at 8:00 am.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 am.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Paul Jackson.

The next meeting of the Executive Council will be held on December 8th at 8:30 am.