

Trinity Lutheran Church
Executive Council Minutes
October 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 am by Cheri Carsten and opened with a short devotion and prayer led by Pastor Hafeman based on Psalm 90:1-2. Moses proclaimed "Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." Our witnessing of God's creation is critical because of the evolution culture we live in.

Quorum was established. Present at the meeting were Pastor Hafeman, Cheri Carsten, Paul Jackson, Linda Gold, Vicki Akin, Gary and Linda Klipp, and Les Durdy.

Minutes of the September 8, 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 reviewed the Offerings & Tuition Report from 2014-2018 and reported that offerings and tuition are on a downward trend. She also reviewed the current Quarterly Report, July 1, 2018 through September 30th, 2018 that will be posted in the Newsletter, which shows \$25,927 of Expenses in Excess of Income. After review, a motion to approve the September financial report was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Board Reports

The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries

1. Elderly services resource seminar (Now What?) Sunday, Dec. 2nd from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Three speakers will discuss available services, life planning, and health care.
2. An outreach program is being considered to reach new people moving into the community. The Elders will form a team to follow-up and also update the church website.
3. Life Tree Camp is considering facility use for a 7 week summer camp for 6-11 year-olds. Their request was approved by the Elders to proceed with discussions.
4. Upcoming schedules:
 - a. Advent – Wednesday, Dec. 5th, 12th, & 19th at 10:00 am only
 - b. Thanksgiving – Nov. 22nd at 9:00 am
 - c. Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm, Christmas Day – 10:00 am
 - d. New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm, no New Year's Day service

The Board of Property Ministries

1. The Fellowship Hall is ready to go for election voting Oct. 19th through Nov. 7th and Life Line Screening Nov. 8th. Fellowship Hall may be reworked for Bible studies afterward.
2. The shampooer used in the sanctuary and narthex needs to be replaced.
3. Current projects:
 - a. Installing cedar fencing and railing around HVAC units next week
 - b. Tentative pew renovation dates between Thanksgiving & Christmas
 - c. Fisher Landscaping bid approved for landscape work and stump removal
 - d. Swing set move for preschool playground expansion on Oct. 18th-Oct. 19th
 - e. Still looking into options for a wheelchair lift

The Board of Education Ministries

1. Current waiting list for the 2 classes of preschool; 37 students in K-8
2. The PTL is growing – 15 families are represented including preschool parents.
3. School will be closed during the Church Worker's Conference in Breckenridge on Oct. 17th – 19th. Daycare will remain open.
4. The TLS Fall Festival and Chili Cook-Off scheduled on Sat., Oct. 27th from 5-7 pm.
5. Cooks Night Out at Trinity was successful. Over 100 people attended, \$900 raised for the scholarship fund, and ninety-eight pounds of food donated to the food bank.
6. Scholarship fund raising and presentations will continue through Veterans Day, Sunday, Nov. 11th.

The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries

1. Cash flow overall is okay but offerings and tuition are down.
2. Vicki will provide recommendations for clarifying/rewording the categories on the giving envelopes by the next council meeting.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The Nominating Committee has been working to prepare a list of candidates for the election of officers at the next Voters Meeting. The Committee will report to the Council before the next meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to hold the next Voters Meeting on Sunday, December 9th at 12:30 pm. A light lunch will be provided by the Executive Council.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

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

The next meeting of the Executive Council will be held on November 10th at 8:30 am.