

Trinity Lutheran Church
Executive Council Minutes
September 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Cheri Carsten and opened with a short devotion and prayer led by Paul Jackson based on Joshua 19:32-34. A connection to the Lord is made between the Old Testament and New Testaments. In prophecy, Christ was to come from the sixth tribe in the Naphtali (Nazareth) territory.

Quorum was established. Present at the meeting were Cheri Carsten, Paul Jackson, Linda Gold, Vicki Akin, JoLynn Baral, and Les Durdy.

Minutes of the August 14, 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 2017 through June 2018 was distributed at the meeting. Vicki said that higher maintenance costs were incurred from Servpro, the new dishwasher purchase, and fascia repairs made to the roofing. Insurance and Employee Benefit expenses were over budget because premiums are paid on a quarterly basis. After further review, a motion to approve the August financial report was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Board Reports

The Board of Elders and Spiritual Ministries

1. No report; the meeting was rescheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16th.

The Board of Financial and Stewardship Ministries

Vicki reported on the September meeting:

1. Cash flow is improving because of tuition payments now coming in.
2. Connie Mapes is looking into refinancing the mortgage to reduce the monthly payment and improve cash flow.

The Board of Property Ministries

1. Les Durdy is looking into solar leasing to reduce utility expenses.
2. The juniper removal at the school is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 23rd.
3. Paul Jackson will meet with the Board and Trustees to review and finalize their five-year plan.

The Board of Education Ministries

JoLynn reported on the September meeting:

1. October 9th is the target date for the new school website to go live.
2. The Fall Festival is Friday, Oct. 27th, hosted by the PTL, and will incorporate a Reformation Walk at the gym and a “Trunk or Treat” outside in the parking lot.
3. Katie Groves, ECE Director hosted her first Parent Advisory Committee Board meeting that is required for her licensing.
4. School fund raising this year is being discussed and planned by the PTL.

Old Business:

An agenda item has been added for the Elders meeting in September to review their five-year plan to clarify SWOT Goal #1.

New Business:

Pastor Hafeman is looking into Circuit and District-wide Reformation plans. Details, dates and times are forthcoming in the October newsletter.

Scrip gift cards are available to help family and friends of Trinity who have been impacted by the recent floods, fires, and storms.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

The meeting closed with a devotional, prayer, and thank you from Cheri for everyone's personal efforts and was then followed by the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting of the Executive Council will be held on October 9th at 7:00 p.m.