**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation Council Meeting**

**September 9, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Tom Cavanaugh

Devotions: Led by Floyd Garrott

A Motion was made to approve the September 9, 2019 meeting agenda by Nita Cunningham, seconded by Al Davis, and approved.

Attendance: Tom Cavanaugh, Al Davis, Bob Montgomery, Nita Cunningham, Carolyn Claussen, Floyd Garrott, Dave Krueger, Kevin Letcher, Pastor Doane

Absent: Sue Phebus, Peg Wright

Quorum was established

A Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the August 2019 Council meeting by Bob Montgomery, seconded by Dave Krueger, and approved.

**Reports**

Pastor’s Report

Report Submitted. Discussion included a review of sabbatical experiences and pastoral activities since returning. Although concerns with attendance persist, there were 10 visitors in attendance on Sunday, September 8, and each of them were welcomed.

Treasurer/Financial Secretary Report

**Summary: Month Eight of the Calendar Year 2019 - Target Percent is 58.33%**

**INCOME:** $17,841

Current Envelopes:

Income for the month $17,793 which is $6,790 below monthly need of $24,583

Total Income YTD: Income is in line with projection

**EXPENSE:** Contained overall

NET INCOME:

August 2019: Loss ($15,268)

Year-to-Date: Gain ($ 2,198)

**CURRENT ASSETS**

Total Balance: $285,244

COMMENTS: Audit team review performed 6/29/2019. Attached.

August income raised critical question: Is this a pattern?

Budget proposal for 2020 projects decrease in revenue.

Initiation of “Right Sizing” conversations.

Albert Davis, Treasurer

A Motion was made by Nita Cunningham, seconded by Kevin Letcher, and passed to approve the August 2019 Treasurer’s Report.

A Motion was made by Bob Montgomery, seconded by Nita Cunningham, and passed to approve the Audit report.

**Old Business**

1. The Congregational Meeting date of October 20, 2019 was verified. Bob Montgomery will take a request to the Outreach Committee to combine the annual Chili Cook Off with the meal for the October 20 meeting. Final plans will be announced.
2. Nominations for all openings on the HTLC Council will be discussed by the nominating committee and a slate will be finalized by October 14, 2019.

**New Business**

1. The 2020 Budget proposal was presented. Discussion included review of accounts within the budget and changes from the previous year. Decreases result from a trend of declining attendance and giving. These factors necessitate consideration of “right sizing”. Additional concerns about the age of the HVAC system in the original building and cost of utilities were discussed. The proposed HTLC 2020 Budget stands as recommended and was unanimously approved for presentation to the congregation.

**Committee Reports:**

Evangelism –Report submitted.

Audio Visual and Technology needs for the Speaker Series and Community Forum were discussed. It was agreed to use existing equipment for the September 14 presentation by Dr. Bien and to research the best solution to meet future needs for projection and sound equipment.

Technology –Report submitted.

Discussion of Audio Visual and technology needs continued with a plan to coordinate purchases with the needs of other committees. Clear instructions for replacement and disposal of batteries for Pastor’s and Assistant Pastor’s microphone are complete and posted.

Property – Report submitted.

Maintenance tasks including repair of the buffing machine, gazebo, AC in pastor’s office, door operator, coffee machine and urinal were reviewed. Mulch has been spread.

Mutual Ministry - Report submitted.

Christian Education –No report submitted.

Rally Day was well planned and a success. All teaching positions are filled.

Youth - No report submitted.

TJ Longdo is reaching out to youth.

Stewardship – Report submitted.

Discussion included making good use of available resources without incurring debt.

Worship – No report submitted.

Outreach – No report submitted. The committee will meet in mid September. Serving dinner at the shelter is scheduled for September 30, 2019/

At 8:40 p.m., a motion was made by Floyd Garrett and seconded by Nita Cunningham to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed and the meeting adjourned, closing in prayer.

Next meeting: Monday, October 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Carolyn Claussen