

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
February 18, 2020**

Members Present: Pastor Karri Anderson, Kim Anderson, Rachel Carlson, Colleen Guilfoile, Terry Hogenson, Diane John, Cathy Johnson, David Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Jim Jordal, Craig Martin, Leroy Mitchell, Pastor Terry Nordheim, Katie Roche, Nicole Smith, Jolene Wille

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 P.M. by David Johnson, President

Introduction of Confirmation Students: none present

Devotions: Colleen Guilfoile; March devotions will be given by Kim Anderson

Approval of Agenda: MM by Diane John to approve the February 18, 2020 agenda, MS by Nancy Johnson, MP.

Approval of January Council Meeting Minutes: MM by Rachel Carlson to approve the January 2020 minutes, MS by Terry Hogenson, MP.

SENIOR PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Terry talked about the 2020/2021 long range planning calendar. It is divided into 4 categories which are: 1) Church Council, 2) Capital Improvement Committee, 3) Stewardship--Bequest Task Force and Capital Campaign, and 4) Trinity Lutheran Church. He discussed the Lent 2020 theme which is "At Table With Jesus"--building relationships and serving others. He also talked about an upcoming interview with an organist applicant. He reminded everyone that there are three more Mi Chi Lu gatherings scheduled in May, October, and December, 2020. The Tuesday Pancake Dinner free will proceeds will go towards the School Lunch Program to help pay the balance. The Guatemala Mission trip is scheduled for March 12-21, 2020, and there are five people going from Trinity. There is a 1st Communion class and New Member class coming up too.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Monthly Update--Diane John did not have a report for discussion at this time. She referred people to the Annual Budget Meeting booklet and to the January minutes.
- B. Other--nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Staffing Issues--vacant organist position. Pastor Terry said that there is an interview scheduled for an organist position applicant.
- B. Elevator Problem Update--the date for shutting down the elevator has been moved to between June 15-July 17.
- C. Bequest Task Force Update--the final draft has been completed, and it will be voted on this week. Then the allocation of funds will be presented to the council who will then take the report to the congregation. Informational meetings will take place in April, and there will be a vote by the congregation in mid-May on the Bequest Task Force recommendations.
- D. Council Retreat (Two Year Plan)--Pastor Terry said he thinks the 2020/2021 calendar will be a good theme for this year's council retreat. The calendar represents the vision and mission of the congregation and is a working document to help move those things along within the church.
- E. Orientation of New Council Members/Pictures--the first new member orientation is scheduled between services on Sunday, February 23, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Annual Meeting Review/Discussion--there was discussion about possibly putting the financial report on the web-site. The Annual Budget Meeting minutes will be discussed at the March council meeting.
- B. Committee Assignments--everyone on the council is happy with their committee assignments. MM by Katie Roche to adopt the council committee assignments as written, MS by Colleen Guilfoile, MP.
- C. Audit Report/Assignments--Property Committee is ninety-five percent done with its plan. Twyla is working on W9s. Policy will be created to include the Youth Director's mileage expenses.
- D. Special Projects Update--Constitution and By-Laws--there is a plan to mesh 15 years of updates from 2004-2019. There was discussion about putting the by-laws and constitution together into a combined document. When it is finished, it will be sent to the synod to check for mistakes, then it will be presented to the congregation in the fall for ratification.
- E. Witness and Outreach Report--Terry Hogenson discussed policy for Second Sunday Offerings. There have been some changes and updates. Coleen Guilfoile explained that now a project/entity that has previously received a Second Sunday offering may again be considered depending on certain criteria. MM by Coleen Guilfoile to accept the recommended changes, MS by Nancy Johnson, MP.
- F. Council Minutes Printed in Newsletter--it was decided to continue including the minutes in the newsletter.
- G. Other--Pastor Karri said she needs to get a team in place for the part-time Pastor Call Mission process. She said she would like to see a diverse group of seven people with a broad range in age. The Wednesday Soup Supper committee list was discussed assigning which committee brings treats for a scheduled Wednesday.

CONGREGATION FORUM

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

REMINDERS

- A. April Chimes/Council Corner Newsletter Article...Who's Up?--Kim Anderson will do the April article for Chimes.
- B. March Council Devotions--Kim Anderson will do the March devotions.

ADJOURN

MM by Nancy Johnson to adjourn, MS by Coleen Guilfoile, MP.

Submitted by Cathy Johnson, Secretary

MM- Motion Made
MS- Motion Seconded
MP- Motion Passed
MF- Motion Failed