



Minutes of the Trinity Lutheran Church Board of Ministry Directors, Huntley, Illinois

Call to order

A regular meeting of Board of Ministry Directors was held at Trinity Lutheran Church on September 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees

Present and acting as directors were:

Larry Melman, Chairman

Norm Fossmeier, Vice Chairman

Bridgid Furmanek, Secretary

Lou Ann Jensen

Ken Ladage

Chuck Yerke

Also in attendance

Robert A. Hoffman, Pastor

Louise Johnson, Treasurer

Pastor Hoffman began the meeting with prayer. Then the third meeting of the Board of Ministry Directors was convened. Nancy Dvorak and Larry Melman suggested amendments to the September 14th meeting minutes. Ken Ladage moved to approve the minutes with a second from Norm Fossmeier. Last meeting's minutes approved with corrections.

Old business

The Saturday Morning Men's Network Bible study fulfills the Ministry Pledge, but each minister should attend Bible study as frequently as possible; preferably Trinity's Sunday morning Bible study.

The roof repairs have not been finalized. The leak over the preschool office, furnace room and bathroom poses additional problems because the area has a double roof, which is more difficult to repair. Also, this leak caused black mold to grow and that requires remediation. Bernardoni Electric, Inc. won the bid to install the new interior lighting.

Altar Guild, Trustees, Fellowship, Elders, Education and Missions continue to prepare budgets for the coming fiscal year. Moving to a monthly budget for each of the above teams will help them plan their work and the resulting expenses.

A new financial committee consisting of Pastor Hoffman, Larry, Louise, Norm and Nancy will meet Thursday October 5th to help create six month budgets for each team and prepare for the next voters meeting, which will approve the overall budget.

A line by line discussion of the Board Policy Manual, with suggested alterations, commenced. The Board edited Strategic Direction 1.1-1.9 and Board of Ministry Director's Self-Discipline 2.1-2.12.5. At the next meeting, the Board will finalize these changes and begin working on the next two sections: Pastor Limitations and Actions Requiring Board Approval.

New business

Treasurer, Louise Johnson explained Shepherds Staff and the data she is reentering because of recent data losses. Our current church budget does not account for income. It was suggested that the congregation's monthly income versus expenses be published in the weekly bulletin as well as the newsletter. In order to make more accurate income projections, Louise promoted e-giving which is linked electronically to the Shepherds Staff software. There are no fees if the parishioner uses their bank account. She volunteered to present e-giving to our congregation during the October 14th and 15th services.

Chuck Yerke explained how profitable credit card usage was for Oktoberfest and that people may want to use a credit card for weekly donations. Chuck stated that a handout explaining e-giving would be helpful. Louise will investigate using credit cards for donations, and add it to her presentation.

Going forward, all important telephone numbers will be easily accessible to staff and the Board of Ministry Directors so that if an issue arises the appropriate company can be contacted.

Pastoral Report

We have three new Altar Guild members, as well as help from the confirmation students. Confirmands volunteer as acolytes, ushers and to assist the Alter Guild. Sixteen students seek confirmation this year.

On Sunday October 1st at 9:15 a.m., Mike Zimmer from the District will give a presentation about how TLC Preschool and Trinity work together to fulfill our mission to invite all people to the grace-filled life of Jesus.

On October 15th, the Board will conduct its first town hall meeting to provide feedback on our work so far and to answer questions from the congregation.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Adjournment: 9:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday October 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Bridgid Furmanek

Secretary

10/12/17

Date of approval