

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Agenda November 10, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Our Mission Statement – We are a fellowship of believers in Christ, sustained by God’s Word, led by the Holy Spirit and committed to God’s vision of caring.

Call to Order – In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Adoption of Agenda – Amendments or Additions

1. Devotions: Verlaine Williams Next Month’s Volunteer _____
2. Welcome and Visitor Recognition
3. Approve minutes from October 13, 2016.
4. Correspondence
5. Committee Reports and date and time of next meeting. Inform church office if change.
 - Family Faith Formation
 - Finance and Treasurer’s Report
 - Life and Missions
 - Premises
 - Worship & Music
 - Family Faith Formation Coordinator Report
6. Staff Support/Personnel Committee
7. Pastor’s Report
8. Old Business
 - a. Finalize Budget for the Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 20
 - b. “The Whole” Update
 - c. Cassie Gilster’s Mission Trip
 - d. Nominating Committee
9. New Business
 - Newsletter articles are due Monday, November 14, 2016 at the very latest. Reminder articles and events will be for the **December** newsletter.
 - Committee Chairs and officers of council be planning for report for the annual meeting. These reports are to do the office no later than Thursday, December 29th.
10. Next Council Meeting: December 8th, 2016 at **6:00 PM**
11. Closing prayer and blessing
12. Adjourn

Council Minutes

Oct. 13, 2016

In attendance: Charla DePope, Gloria Fitzgerald, Kelly Gleason, Chris Hansen, Todd Heavner, Andrea Jensen, Mary Ness, Tom Nygaard, Jean Pestorious, Ron Petersen, Chris Skogheim, Verlaine Williams, Bob Yaw and Pastor Eileen. Absent: Theresa Bush, Cindy Golbuff and Carla Johnson.

Pres. Jean P. opened in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

A motion was made by Verlaine W. to accept the agenda, 2nd by Chris H., passed.

Devotions were given by Gloria F. on Romans 15.4 about God's law in operation and talking about the beauty of God's world. Next month's volunteer is Verlaine W.

Visitors: none

A motion was made by Bob Y., to approve the Sept. 15th and Sept. 25th minutes, with a 2nd by Todd H., passed.

Correspondence: A Thank-you was received from Alden-Conger School for the school supplies Trinity donated. A progress report from Ethiopia was passed around.

Committee Reports:

Family, Faith, Formation: Chris H. gave and his report is on file. There was also discussion on the costs for the Little Lutheran which is no longer available, but it is in the budget. Ron P. said that Laurie Hovendick should go ahead with this as there is money for it. Ron said now we are talking about a line item that will be done for 2017. Chris H. made a motion that we approve our Nursery Guild to send books to our 3 and 4 year olds in lieu of the Little Lutheran, Ron P. 2nd, some discussion on this, passed. This is an addition to the budget so it needs to be put in the FFF blue sheet budget and will reflect for the Nov. budget meeting.

Finance and Treasurer's Report: Ron P. gave and a motion was made by Ron P. to approve the Treasurer's report with a 2nd by Chris S., passed. Ron brought up an FYI about our investment fund, something we cannot use, only the interest. A few years back we sent \$3000.00 to the ELCA mission investment fund, they have better interest. The committee would like the Council's approval to take \$81,000.00 from the Credit Union and put it into the ELCA mission investment fund for the better interest. We would receive quarterly payments, and it would leave us \$25,000.00 here in the Albert Lea Credit Union, which is a good cushion. Ron P., made this a motion with a 2nd by Todd H., passed.

Life and Missions: Verlaine W. gave and she talked about doing cards on the 14th of Nov. at 5:30 these would be for the over 80's. Muffins for youth that meet before school on Wed.'s was brought up and if we could make or donate them. Much discussion on the Wed. evening suppers and who was doing them and how many are coming.

Premises: Bob Y. gave and the report is on file. Pres. Jean gave kudo's to Bob for all the good work that is getting done.

Worship and Music: Andrea gave and the report is on file.

Pastor's Report: She had her first Bible study today and had several people at 9:00 AM. Pr. Eileen talked about mentor's meeting with the students this Sunday the 16th of Oct. We talked about new member classes. Name tags were discussed as people said they really liked them and asked if we could do this at least once a month. Life and Mission and Premises will take over making permanent name tags. She talked about needing a youth director, someone who works with this group of students and those kids after Confirmation. There was talk about lock-ins etc. Pres Jean asked if the Council would like the Personal committee to meet with Pr. Eileen to figure out hours, etc. Tom N. asked if there was still a Tentmaker program, and people thought that was a good idea. Something will be brought back on that.

Old Business: Pres. Jean asked if all the blue budget sheets had been turned in and the answer was yes. Things are on track for our Budget meeting which is on the 3rd Sunday in Nov. which is the 20th. We talked about committees meeting on the same night and what we thought. So far people seemed to like it. Discussion on the 'Whole', the door is back on track. Ron P. said there is now internet and that is a plus.

New Business: Cassie Gilster sent a letter about an upcoming mission trip to Jamaica and Ron will put something in the newsletter about this. We will also try to put something together to put on the screen on Sundays about this.

Nominating Committee: Kelly G. told us they are meeting and need 7 members and will keep us posted.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mary N. with a 2nd by Kelly G., passed.

We closed by going into the Sanctuary and being led in prayer by Pr. Eileen and closing with us all saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Jensen, Secretary

LIFE AND MISSIONS COMMITTEE COUNCIL REPORT

Our meeting during All Committee Meeting time on November 3rd at 6:00 p.m. included discussing the following:

1. Upcoming Events:

- Loaves and Fishes November 21.
- Salvation Bell Ringing Dec. 5th 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 pm
- Brunch December 11th
- Loaves and Fishes December 19th

There will be sign-up sheets for these events and we encourage signing up.

2. We will write our Thanksgiving Cards to over 80 year olds in our Congregation. We include a Bible verse in each card. This will be done at Jean's house on November 14th.

3. We discussed possible Wednesday night meal menus. We are always thankful for volunteers the help prepare and serve. We are over 40 in attendance now.

4. We have samples and costs of name tags. These will be magnetic with names on labels placed on the tag. The cost of the badges is 100 for \$.89 each and \$21.95 for 1200 labels. Gary Jacobsen has been contacted to design and build a "board" to hold the badges.

5. We set our Welcome Minister Schedule.

6. We continue to send Thank You Cards to members.

Next Meeting is December 1, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Bob Yaw, Tom Nygaard, Greg Anderson.

1. We looked at all snowplowing proposal bids that were submitted and decided that this year we will use plaza landscaping. We will keep a watch as to when needed upper and lower lots for Sunday services and special occasions and charged billing.
2. Still in contact with Tom at glass and lock for door replacements and the whole as these are special doors they have not arrived yet. should have an updated answer by committee meeting on Thursday.
3. Remove several trees and limbs on east side of church they were rotten and were shedding limbs every time the wind blew.
4. Outside Cleanup went well six kids and seven adults attended.
5. The alcove is progressing as Ethan Peek is working towards his Eagle badge.
6. Ongoing roof leaks in the balcony area, Greg Anderson is in charge of that and contacting Rhiem and the plaster people for roof repairs in the balcony area.
7. Presenting various choices of tile at the council meeting on Thursday, November 10. We will be installing tile on November 22, 23rd and 24th. All are welcome to come help. "work is like with many hands" as I have volunteered to install the tile to help hold cost down associated with labor costs. Anyone with tile experience and proper tools please show up.

Note: attended dinner in the fellowship hall on Wednesday 11/9 and Believe the person putting on the dinner should supply the office with the recipe to be put in the bulletin on Sunday as it was an awesome delight and for others to enjoy.

Bob Yaw, premises

Worship and Music Report

We met on Thurs. the 3rd of Nov. with Pastor Eileen, Gloria, Kelly, Cindy, Andrea and Nancy present.

We talked about All Saint's Sunday and ringing chimes, which pretty much worked out well.

We also talked about some people complaining about no special service for Thanksgiving Eve, but no names to talk to and there will be a service that night and they can move into the Sanctuary if they want. We will ask the Welcome minister this Sunday to announce if anyone wants to bring food to be donated that is a great thing for Thanksgiving.

We looked over samples of new formats for our bulletins, we all agreed on the one page, 8x11 sheets. Will be happening soon.

On Christmas Eve we will have services at 4:30 and 9:00 as usual. Discussion on what that will look like. On Christmas Day it is a Sunday so will have regular Worship at 9:00AM.

We talked about our Advent services and if anything special happens on the Wed. that is up to the Pastor. There will be special things for the children on the Sundays of Advent.

We discussed adding the Doxology to our service again, and the things that are in the service now.

Nancy will be talking to her Choir group about new robes and putting together a committee for that. She has catalogs with robes in them.

Decorating the Church for Advent and Christmas will take place at 5:00 PM on Friday the 25th of Nov. we will ask the Welcome ministers to announce that the next 2 Sundays and also put out a sign-up sheet for both putting up and taking down.

Our next meeting is on Thurs. the 1st of Dec. at 6:00PM