

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Agenda February 9, 2017 at 5:30 PM

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

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.

Adoption of Agenda – Amendments or Additions

1. Devotions: Kelly Gleason Next Month’s Volunteer: _____
2. Welcome and Visitor Recognition
3. Approve minutes from January 12, 2017.
4. Correspondence
5. Committee Reports.
 - Family Faith Formation
 - Finance and Treasurer’s Report
 - Life and Missions
 - Premises
 - Worship & Music
6. Pastor’s Report
7. Old Business
 - a. “The Whole” Update
 - b. Blue Earth River Conference Assembly, February 12, 2017 at Mansfield Lutheran Church.
 - c. Update on name tags.
8. New Business
 - Newsletter articles are due Monday, February 13, 2017. Reminder articles and events will be for the **March** newsletter.
 - 2 council members for the nominating committee.
 - RENEW! Conference, February 26th, 2017.
 - Kitchen door situation.
 - Permission to purchase 3 silver roasters.
 - Pub tables and stools discussion.
10. Next Council Meeting: March 9th, 2017 at **5:30 PM.**
11. Closing prayer and blessing
12. Adjourn

Council Minutes

Jan. 12, 2017

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

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

A motion was made by Kelly G. to accept the agenda, 2nd by Mary N., passed.

Devotions were given by Ron P. from 1st Corinthians chapter 3 verses 5-9 on being God's servants. We all have different gifts and talents. Also from Ecclesiastes on the value of a friend. He asked Pastor Eileen to pray. Next month's volunteer is Kelly G.

Visitors: none

A motion was made by Bob Y., to approve the minutes, with a 2nd by Tom N., passed.

Correspondence: none

Committee Reports:

Family, Faith, Formation: Charla D. handed out their report. It was brought up that we will just be having soup at the Lenten suppers, with bread and something to make your sandwiches with, instead of sandwiches on the tables.

Finance and Treasurer's Report: Ron P. gave and a motion was made by Todd H. to approve the Treasurer's report with a 2nd by Bob Y., there was some discussion on why our salaries were only at 73% at the end of the year. It was explained that this was because we did not have a full time Pastor. Then the motion passed. Ron P. made a motion to have a 'Love Offering' this Sunday for MN Adult and Teen Challenge, 2nd by Chris S., passed. Pastor Eileen asked how we go about this and it was explained that ushers would be at the back of the Church after service with the offering plates for people to donate.

Life and Missions: No report, Verlaine W. asked about buns for the pulled pork sandwiches and said she would bring them. Chris S. makes and brings the pork. Pres. Jean and Pastor went down to the Washington Apts. with a flyer about Wed. night suppers and talked to a couple ladies there and they did come and said they would be back.

Premises: Bob Y. gave us an update on the 'Whole', the door will be coming in on the 25th of Jan. so will be installed at that time. It was talked about the improvements happening down there. A new countertop was put in the old kitchen and cupboards are being done. We awarded the snow removal contract to Plaza and there was discussion on prices. The door to the Pulpit has not been fixed yet.

MN Energy will be coming and labeling all our lines. There is a chair lift that would be donated to the Church by Gretchen and Forrie Claussen, but we need to look into what modifications would have to happen for this to work for us. Bob Y. is also looking into other options; this is for the South entry stairway by the office. He will talk more about this next month.

Worship and Music: Report on file.

Nominating Committee Report- Kelly gave and things are the same. Pres. Jean talked about Andrea being a nominee, as she has been on the Council. Andrea has done a 3 year term and is finishing a 2 year term and is up for a 1 year term. There was some discussion in the Congregation on this, so paper ballots will be available if the need arises.

Pastor's Report: She gave us her summary of visits, etc. She also talked about the stars hanging in the lower hallway by the office that were made by the Epiphany party children and others. Pastor was on the channel 3 news that Sunday from their PJ party and mission planning party. The mission trip group will be going to Cincinnati, OH with 'youthworks'. They will be going from July 23rd -28th and the youth need to be in 8th-12th grade. Pastor connects the youth going with the younger children staying behind, as they will become 'Prayer Buddies'. She talked about what she will be telling the Congregation on Sunday at the Annual Congregational meeting. She talked about long-range goals, short-term goals, how to serve our neighbors and education for our young adults. She had many good ideas. Pres. Jean also brought up that she had talked to Sara at the Albert Lea Tribune and she will be getting ahold of Pastor Eileen to do an article on this Mission trip.

Old Business: The 'Whole' was discussed some more to do with the improvements like painting etc. Ron P. has been very involved with this along with some friends. It was brought up that Ron repaired our wooden boxes that we keep the beautiful Nativity set in; they were falling apart and now are good for quite a while. There was a lot of discussion on the use of the 'Whole'.

New Business: There was discussion on all the upcoming events and deadlines. Pres. Jean also told us that Darryl Meyer would be the Parliamentarian for the Annual Meeting on Sunday. Ron brought up the Audit committee for our budget which consisted of Bill Webster, MaChar Kingstrom and Kim Nelson, they met on Tues. the 10th of Jan. Pres. Jean told us that 2 new committees would be formed, one to review our Constitution, which Ron has agreed to Chair. The other is a Visioning and Goal-setting committee which Laurie Hovendick and Jeff Nelson have both expressed an interest in. These will be on the agenda for the Annual meeting. Our new meeting time was agreed on to be 5:30 for both committee meetings and Council.

We closed with prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ron P., with a 2nd by Gloria F., passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Jensen, Secretary

LIFE AND MISSIONS COUNCIL REPORT

COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.

Discussion Points were as follows:

1. Welcomed Tiffany and Darcy to our committee.

Verlaine and I are so thankful.

2. February Loaves and Fishes

Sign-up sheet for each week is full, but all are welcome.

3. Discussed January Pot Luck Dinner

(possible changes for next year).

4. Thank you note recipients.

5. We have a LSS Representative coming March 12.

6. Discussed our Annual Bowling Party set for March 19 from

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00.

We ask for funds to make the cost \$5.00.

7. Our next brunch is May 14th.

8. Discussed our Wednesday Night Meals.

Numbers are increasing.

We had 7 visitors from the Washington Avenue Apartments.

9. We set our Welcome Minister Schedule.

Tiffany Larsen

Darcy Nielsen

Verlaine Williams

s/Jean Pestorious

Premises Council Report February 2017

The following work has been done.

- “The Whole” door was installed
- Installed a towel rack in the Fireside kitchen
- Installed a shelf in the sacristy
- Installed blinds in “The Whole”
- Front door on the corner of Washington and Pearl Street and the kitchen door were rekeyed. All the outside doors are keyed to the same key.
- Snow was removed from the roof over the South entryway door.

Worship and Music

We talked about visiting with Baptismal families ahead of time to let them know how this works and that family is welcome.

Ash Wed., Lent and Holy Week were talked about and we decided on what would be used for Wed. evening service and what would be used for Sunday's. We had a lot of discussion on this. We discussed that on Ash Wed. there will be a noon service, which will be the same as the 5:30 service.

Thank yous were sent to some helpers for undecorating the Church.

Our next meeting is on Thurs. the 2nd of March at 5:30 PM

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