

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

April 15, 2013

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, May 20, 2013

Devotions: Bruce Martens

Refreshments:

Randy Nelson

Present: Council members: Jay Carlson, Mary Engen, Bruce Martens, Dennis Nordholm, Bruce Johnson, Drew Lindorfer, Joyce Peterson, Korla Masters, Laura Bolstad, Mark Holm, Josh Becker, Kari Kleven, Pam Blomgren, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser; Church Administrator: Vicki Mann; Seminary Student: Rich Holleque

Absent: Sara Jensen, Randy Nelson, Anna Brelje

Call to Order: Jeff Olsen Biebighauser called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Devotions: Jeff Olsen Biebighauser read the poem “Worm Moon” by Mary Oliver and a prayer by Walter Brueggemann.

Check in: Members shared important events from the past month and announcements for some upcoming events.

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 18, 2013, Council minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Goals: Mary Engen reviewed the Peace with Justice Committee’s five goals for the year. Council then watched a segment of testimony by Paul Douglas on climate change that was given in January at the State Capitol that related to Peace with Justice’s goal of educating and advocating for solutions for climate change in coordination with the climate care team. Mary added that Peace with Justice will be advocating this Thursday at Lutheran Day on the Hill.

Reports

Pastor:

- The drive for the Minnehaha Food Shelf went well
- Vacation Church School will be June 10-13; there will be an afternoon session this year; morning session will be free, afternoon session \$20 and children must bring a lunch
- Alternative payday lending group was awarded a \$50,000 Innové grant from Colonial Church in Edina; the group’s name is Exodus Lending; an article will appear in Community Church about how Holy Trinity members can help; the goal is to be operating by October with their own space by May 2014
- Suggestion to use the fourth floor for youth; this will help with focus on youth ministry; Metro Works is growing and they will want to use more space, including the room that’s designated for youth in future building plans

- Floor is currently being used as storage for theatre circle, VCS, etc.
- We will still be able to designate some space for storage
- The congregation will be invited for a cleanup day for the fourth floor on 5/18
- Financial Stewardship committee meeting: we'll have pledge cards to invite the congregation to increase pledges for the year in order to call an associate pastor
 - Treasurer: We're expecting \$70,000 or more in additional annual costs; \$25,000 for fiscal year 2013; total change to budget of 4.09%; a \$13,500 increase in offerings should be all that's necessary; interest and earnings are up, and so have been revised upwards on the revised budget; rent income has increased from the approved budget and has been revised upwards in the new budget; the Pafko fund would be used 2014-16 – there is \$68,000 remaining for future staffing, \$10,000 of which is allocated for this year

Treasurer:

- YTD Comparison review: We are \$10,000 ahead of last year; over budget; this may be due to an increase in the number of pledges on autowithdrawal.
- The food shelf appeal had good results.
- The boiler fund still requires \$70,000, \$46,000 from the congregation; due to the associate pastor call, financial stewardship has decided not to do big push on the boiler right now. The issue will be addressed more toward fall – this is the first time we've done this type of project and had the funds in advance.
- There will be a pledge list available at the upcoming special meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

Secretary:

- Devotions/refreshments reminder for May

Vice President:

- The committee chairs have done a good job getting reports in
- Next Monday is the committee chair meeting

President:

- No items to report

Standing Committees: Committee reports were sent out ahead of the Council meeting (see appendix). Jeff Olsen Biebighauser called for a brief discussion of specific items committees would like to draw attention to.

Financial Stewardship

11/17 stewardship Sunday

Peace with Justice

Monday, April 22 at 3:00 pm – Mega Rally on Energy at the Capitol

Nurturing

Lutheran Night at the Twins 8/13 – need 25 to sign up

Youth

Homelessness awareness event on Friday

Christian Education

Randy Nelson is leading a discussion on Lary Rassumsen's book

Old Business:

Call committee nomination task force (Joyce Peterson, Vicki Mann, Jay Carlson, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser):

- Task force is looking for 3 to 6 names with a balance between gender, age, longevity at Holy Trinity, as well as representatives of the Vision Task force, nurturing, youth, worship, and peace with justice committees
- Slate of candidates: David Berg, Anne Beschnett, Kari Kleven, Nancy Moe, Randy Nelson, Jay Carlson

A motion was made and seconded to recommend this call committee slate to the congregation on 4/21. Motion carried. Thank you to task force for your service.

New Business:

Financial stewardship – Revised budget

- Annual total is now \$636,000 versus \$611,000
- Increase will come from \$10,000 interest; \$1,500 rent; \$13,500 increased giving
- Personnel will increase to \$380,000 from \$355,000

A motion was made and seconded to recommend the revised budget to the congregation at its April 21, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion followed about how info at the April 21st meeting will be presented.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Drew Lindorfer, Secretary