

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

July 28, 2014

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Potluck Dinner Monday, August 18, 2014

Devotions: Zoe Martinez

Refreshments: Gerry Berglin

Present: Council members: Jay Carlson, Ingrid Rasmussen, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Sara Jensen, Drew Lindorfer, Gerry Berglin, Randy Nelson, Kari Kleven, Anna Brelje, Josh Becker, Lisa Martens, Laura Bolstad, Sean Gosiewski, Cathy Ohler, Zoe Martinez, Alyssa Erickson

Absent: Eleni Wolking,

Call to Order: Jeff Biebighauser called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Devotions: Pastor Ingrid shared a reflection on the importance of shared prayer.

Check in: Members shared important events from the past month.

Minutes:

After a few corrections to name spellings, a motion was made and seconded to approve the June 14, 2014 minutes. Motion carried.

Reports

Lead Pastor

- The youth are planning a trip to Michigan next year.
- Several baptisms coming up.
- On August 10th at 10 a.m. Sara will facilitate a meeting in between services to discuss ideas for being supportive of families and children and all stages of life.
- Installation of new radiators and boiler will be done in a couple weeks.
- Lutherans Restoring Creation are looking for case studies to share.

Associate Pastor

- The Racial Justice group met. Will be hosting the first of a three part video series and discussion on August 12 from 7-9 pm. The video is titled, "Race: The Power of an Illusion."
- Musician search (organist, choir director, or combined applications) – Received over 30 applications. The majority of applicants applied for the combined position. The first round interviews will begin on Wednesday. Will interview ten of the 30. The top three candidates (those who are choir directors) will spend time with 25 members of the choir.
- Fare for All – Their recent grill-out went well. Grilled brats and ate in the rain garden. Will do it again in September.

Treasurer

- Overall the church is on track financially. No surprises. A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

Secretary:

- No report.

President:

- Josh, Gerry, Drew, and Jay will be meeting tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. to discuss clarifying the roles of the Personnel Committee, Executive Committee, and other committees.

Vice President:

- No report

Committee Reports:

- Continuing to meet with Broadway school (in Longfellow). Looking for adults with skills/expertise to teach in their project-based learning environment. Other ideas for ways we can provide support include: Materials donations (based on requests posted on “Caring Wall” and care packages for new babies), and welcome lunch for teachers.
- Lake Street Council is hosting a Connecting the Community Workshop on July 29th from 5-7 p.m. on improving bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and safety between Lake Street and the Midtown Greenway.
- Peace with Justice is hosting a showing of Sea Change. They are also creating a listening team to explore how to get people to buy wind/renewable energy. They are conducting a practice session on August 4th.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion of Kairos meeting and next steps

The Council discussed their thoughts on the Kairos Report—what excited them, what concerned them, and ideas for what to do next.

New Business

Seminary Tuition Fund

The Council discussed the Seminary Tuition Fund proposal. The psychological tests would likely cost approximately \$500-\$600.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Financial Stewardship and Christian Education Committees’ joint proposal to pay \$1,000 towards tuition reimbursement to all three seminarian students in the congregation for 2014, and pay the psychological testing costs of any of those students who request reimbursement. The testing cost reimbursement is to come from Seminary Tuition Fund and the testing reimbursement from the Alice Cummings Estate. The motion carried.

Automated External Defibrillator

The Financial Stewardship Committee recommends the approval of the purchase from an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the church at a cost of approximately \$1,000. The AED will be purchased through a special program which will require a training coordinator for its use. LuAnn Kibira has agreed to serve in this capacity. It is recommended that the money come from the Alice Cummings Estate. The Council discussed the possibility of offering a First Aid/CPR Class, and potential liability issues with people who have do not resuscitate directives. If someone is not wearing a bracelet stating otherwise, one can assume that one can proceed with measures to revive them.

A motion was made and seconded approve the Financial Stewardship Committee's proposal to purchase an External Defibrillator (AED) using funds from the Alice Cummings Estate, and have LuAnn Kibira serve as the training coordinator.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at approximately 8:25 pm. Motion carried.

Next meeting: August 18, 2014