

Trinity Lutheran Church
Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2010

Attendees:

Kathy Demmer, Melanie Dobson, Heather Egger, Dave Erickson, Barb Franke, Annette Freiheit, Holli Nelson, Mary Peterson, Bob Holtan, ~~Renee Stier~~, Harry Follmuth, Matt Tindal, Cindy Wiste, Pastor Paul and Lila Rehnelt

The meeting was called to order by President Annette Freiheit at 3:40 PM

Devotions:

- Pastor Paul lead us in devotions from the Christ in our Home booklet, John Chapter 2, Verses 5-11 and prayer.

Agenda Approval:

- Dave Erickson moved to accept the Agenda and 2nd was made by Harry Follmuth.
- Approved by Council members.

Minutes of the last meeting Approval:

- Heather Egger moved to accept the Minutes and a 2nd was made by Barb Franke.
- Approved by Council members

Treasurer's Report:

- Dave Erickson reviewed the Balance Sheet and Treasurer's Report.
- We were not able to pay \$6,277.00 of our 2009 Benevolence. Discussion held regarding this topic during New Business.
- Mary Peterson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and a 2nd was made by Heather Egger.
- Approved by Council members.

Pastor's Comments:

- Thank you Bob & Verna Holtan for hosting the Council and Church Staff today.
- Thank you to council members for their service the last three years...Annette, Kathy, Harry and Dave. Kathy will be coming back for a 2nd term.
- Thank you, Council for the Christmas gift (gift card).
- 2/17 is Ash Wednesday. Pastor Paul will be preaching at TLC on 2/17 and 2/24. After that, there will be a Round Robin with pastors visiting TLC from other area churches.
- 2/21 will possibly be a New Member Sunday.
- Pastor read a letter from Arlene Bjornson. Letter addressed concerns for the condition of the Sanctuary.

Cindy's Comments:

- 5th and 6th graders went snow tubing today.
- Peer Ministry group are planning a lock-in. 5th & 6th graders will be invited also, but to attend only until 11:00 PM.
- After School Special is going well. Having one Wednesday a month off (due to ½ day of school), seems to be working good for the kids.
- Palm Sunday the After School Special kids will be putting on a play for both services.
- Back to regular Sunday School.

Board of Finance (Dave Erickson):

- 2010 Budget is ready to go for the Annual Meeting.
- Report given during Treasurer's Report.

Board of Worship, Music & Art (Kathy Demmer):

- Board has been meeting once a month.
- During Wednesday evening Lent services, the Board will welcome the visiting pastors and help them with anything they might need.
- Will be taking down the banners that are hanging in the Sanctuary. They will be put back up during Lent only.

Board of Youth Ministry (Holli Nelson / Renee Stier):

- No report.

Board of Stewardship (Harry Follmuth):

- No report.

Board of Christian Education (Heather Egler):

- Christmas Program went well.

Board of Membership & Evangelism (Melanie Dobson and/or Matt Tindal):

- Should we be giving New Members a gift? Discussion held. Will decide new plan for 2010.

Board of Parish Activities (Mary Peterson):

- No report.

WELCA & Health Ministries (Kathy Demmer):

- No report.

Board of Properties (Bob Holtan and Barb Franke):

- Planning to do some touch-up painting in the Sanctuary before Easter. Properties Board tend to do this type of work on Saturday mornings, but that won't be enough time, so they are planning to pick a week and paint for a few hours each evening during that week.
- Bob will be making another call to the installers of the shingles.

New/Old Business:

- Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31st. Potluck lunch will be @ 11:15. Help in the kitchen will be provided by a Confirmation Small Group and Council Members. Plan is to have 4 serving lines instead of just 2. Meeting will start at 11:45.
- Each Church Board will give Chris Stuart two new member names to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.
- Several years ago, Trinity received one share of the Oaks Golf Course as a gift. All share-holders are being asked to contribute money for kitchen upgrades. Discussion was held and decision was made to let the share go back to the Oaks.
- Discussion held regarding 2010 Benevolence. Council would like Chris Stuart to pay Benevolence on a monthly basis. Please pay 50% of our monthly obligation. Thanks, Chris.
- Discussion held regarding \$6,277.00 left to pay on 2009 Benevolence.
 - ✓ Matt Tindal made a motion to inform the Synod that we won't be able to complete our 2009 obligation. No 2nd was made. Motion died.
 - ✓ Kathy Demmer made a motion that we complete our obligation to the Synod. If necessary, borrowing from our Line of Credit. Melanie Dobson 2nd the motion.
 - ✓ Vote ended with a tie. Motion died.
 - Decision made to table the motions. This will be discussed at the Annual Meeting on January 31st, with the entire congregation.

Communion assistants for February:

8:00: Bob Holtan

10:30: Kathy Demmer

Next meeting is scheduled for:

- Sunday, January 31st following annual meeting.

Matt Tindal moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 PM, 2nd was made by Bob Holtan and approved by Council members.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively submitted by Lila Rehnelt, Secretary