

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Council
Council Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2020

Attendance: Via Zoom, Council: Jonathan Brown, Marlee Tart, Adam Eikamp, Wendy Einsweiler, Tami Ernster, Michele Faubel, Gretchen Kueter, Pastor Josh Martyn, Pastor Derek Rosenstiel, Darrell Kalmes, Sue Tigges, Terry Hoefflin, Lilly Hoefflin.

President Sue Tigges called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

President Sue reviewed the agenda. Gretchen Kueter moved to approve the agenda. Darrell Kalmes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Gretchen Kueter moved to approve the minutes that were presented and Adam Eikamp seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pastor's Report and Action Item: Pastor Josh talked about the joint worship services and how that was all going. He has been working with John Swift to begin putting together a plan to get the technology needed so that we can live stream our worship services through YouTube live and Facebook live. The HTLC Foundation has awarded the church for \$2500 to help with some of these technology expenses. A big thank you for Lorice's work on finding a new database program called "Breeze". This program is a much easier program to work in. The reports are easier to run. The Pastors can put notes in about visits, and many other options are available.

Pastor Josh moved to begin transferring the Membership Data to Breeze and eliminate the Membership Module at Church Windows. Gretchen Kueter seconded the motion. Motion Carried

Associate Pastor's Report: Pastor Derek has been working with Pastor Josh reaching out to members. He has enjoyed getting to talk with some people that he has not met yet. They have been trying to make contact to those people in total isolation each week.

New Business:

Holy Trinity applied for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) for the amount of \$91,500.00. The forgivable grant was approved by the bank on Monday, April 10th, and the money was put in a designated fund to help pay for payroll. These payroll costs include both the church and Noah's Ark staff. A letter will be sent out letting the church members know about the program and what the council voted on.

Amendments to the Model Constitution for Congregations were approved at the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. Council will review these amendments at a separate meeting to be held later this calendar year. Per our current Constitution C16.04, any changes per the Churchwide Assembly can be presented at our annual meeting for approval by the congregation. Notice of the meeting, as well as a copy of the council-approved amendments, will be sent to the congregation at least 30-days prior to the January 2021 annual meeting.

The church has requested a quote for Lifeline – Live Streaming. Some of the changes include moving the computers from the front of the sanctuary to the back, and update the wiring to HDMI, High Definition and fiber optic cable.

The Approval of Synod Delegates has been tabled until the May meeting so hopefully there is a better understanding of when and where it is.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION ITEM:

Building and Grounds has been working with ABS on getting the church on a new server. The roof has been put on hold due to the Covid pandemic.

Stewardship has reported that there is a new format for the Tidings. The church office has taken back doing the monthly Tidings. A big thank you to Wendy Einsweiler for doing the Tidings when needed.

The Outreach committee did a food giveaway on the 18th. There were approximately 175 families that came through and 9 people worked it. There were a few boxes left so they were put in the inside pantry. The committee received a \$100 grant to be used for the Gardens of Grace. The committee is planning to use 2 of those boxes. Please consider helping fill the shelves for the inside and outside food pantries if you are able.

The Worship team has requested going with Dobson to service the organ.

Terry Hoefflin moved to do business with Dobson to service the organ. Darrell Kalms seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Sue Tigges adjourned the meeting at 7:44PM.

The Lord's Prayer was said by all members via Zoom.

Submitted by

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