

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Council
Council Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2020

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

President Sue Tigges called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Tami Ernster read a devotion and prayer.

President Sue reviewed the agenda and made some changes on the order of items. Gretchen Kueter moved to approve the agenda. Jonathan Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Pastor's Report: Pastor Josh talked about the sound system that will be coming up later in the meeting in the worship committee report. Many area churches have this same system or are just getting it and have been very pleased with it. Many clergies from the area have been meeting on when to reopen. A lot of the shut-ins have been able to enjoy worship this way instead of watching a DVD. There will be a little change to the worship liturgy from here on out. The joint worship services continue to go well.

Action Item: Approve Jason Duba to be on council as the Noah's Ark Liaison. A Motion was moved by Pastor Josh Martyn and seconded by Gretchen Kueter. The motion carried

Associate Pastor's Report: Pastor Derek has been having some small group studies. Times have been posted on the Facebook page and in the Tidings. He has added a Women's Ecumenical Women's Bible Study. He has been looking into partnering with some non-profit groups when Covid has calmed down, so we can reach out to people in need and have volunteers to help with this. Pastor Derek along with other clergy are working with Pastor Karla Wildberger on a hunger grant for the area ELCA churches food pantry and distribution ministries.

Treasurer Report and Financial Secretary Report: Money has been transferred from the PPP to the General Fund to help with payroll. There will be a \$5000 pay down for the Line of Credit.

New Business:

Covid Update: Area Pastors and their Presidents of Council have been putting together a guideline for reopening. They are waiting on levels and cases to decrease and then will start making decisions to reopen with the proper guidelines in place. Pastor Josh will reassess at the end of the month.

Lifeline for Live streaming – Our sound system needs to be updated. The current cameras we have are not able to be used for live stream. Lifeline has supplied the church with 2 options. Option 1 has a 24 channel system with the ability to add more channels with a hook-on if needed down the road. Much easier to train people to do the sound on. This system can control the projection system and change video inputs, it can also turn the projector on and off, etc. A new camera that is a 30xPTZ would be installed on the face of the balcony and a 12x PTZ would be installed on the side wall in order to capture the music/bell area as well as a better view of the contemporary band. The video improvements would include adding a HDMI input at the front of the church. A new switcher/ scaler would also be added. This cost estimate would be \$26,000 - \$30,000.

Option 2 would be a digital mixer that would be more complicated to operate and require significantly more training due to the mixing board having dozens of knobs and buttons. This would also have 24 channels, however if more would need to be added, we would need to get another mixer. The video would be the same as Option 1. The cost estimate would be \$22,000 - \$26,000.

The Maintenance Plan would also be purchased so we could get the necessary firmware updates, training and cleaning each year.

Terry Hoefflin moved to approve Option 1 and also the Maintenance Program with Lifeline. Darrell Kalmes seconded the motion.

Discussion was that there will be a special appeal sent out to members to help pay for this. Without this update, Holy Trinity will not be able to live stream and would be essentially dead in the water.

Motion Carried.

Old Business: Roof Discussion – Building and Grounds were sent a certified letter on the status of the insurance. The next move will be having the public adjustor meet with the insurance company and the engineer to get this moving again.

Logo – Sue is going to have Mark Ryan contact DMACC in Des Moines and see if any of their graphic design team could get a logo made up.

Committee Reports:

The mutual ministry team is going to be invited to assist the Family Ministry/ Parish Ed committee on their surveys about the youth and family ministries.

The Outreach committee have been getting the gardens growing.

President Sue Tigges asked for a motion to adjourn. Adam Eikamp moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM. Gretchen Kueter seconded. Motion Carried.

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

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Submitted by

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