

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Agenda October 13, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Our Mission Statement – We are a fellowship of believers in Christ, sustained by God’s Word, led by the Holy Spirit and committed to God’s vision of caring.

Call to Order – In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Adoption of Agenda – Amendments or Additions

1. Devotions: Gloria Fitzgerald Next Month’s Volunteer _____
2. Welcome and Visitor Recognition
3. Approve minutes from September 15 and September 25, 2016
4. Correspondence
5. Committee Reports and date and time of next meeting. Inform church secretary if change.
 - Family Faith Formation
 - Finance and Treasurer’s Report
 - Life and Missions
 - Premises
 - Worship & Music
 - Family Faith Formation Coordinator Report
6. Pastor’s Report
7. Old Business
 - a. Budgets Report
 - b. Committee Meeting Date Overview
 - c. “The Whole” Update
8. New Business
 - Newsletter articles are due Monday, October 17, 2016 at the very latest. Reminder articles and events will be for the **November** newsletter.
 - Cassie Gilster’s Mission Trip Request
 - Nominating Committee
9. Next Council Meeting: November 10, 2016 at **6:00 PM**
10. Closing prayer and blessing
11. Adjourn

Council Meeting Minutes Sept 15, 2016

In attendance: Gloria Fitzgerald, Kelly Gleason, Chris Hansen, Todd Heavner, Andrea Jensen, Tom Nygaard, Jean Pestorious, Ron Petersen, Verlaine Williams, Bob Yaw and Pastor Eileen Woyen.
Absent: Theresa Bush, Charla DePoppe, Cindy Golbuff, Carla Johnson, Mary Ness, and Chris Skogheim.

Pres. Jean P. opened in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Pres. Jean did a special 'Welcome' to Pastor Eileen.

A motion was made by Verlaine W. to accept the agenda, 2nd by Kelly G., passed.

Devotions were given by Andrea J. from Judges 18.6 on starting a new journey. Next month's volunteer is Gloria F.

Visitors: Kevin and Ethan Peek.

A motion was made by Verlaine W., to approve the minutes from Aug. 11th, with a 2nd by Chris H., passed.

Correspondence: A 'thank you' was read from St. John's for our \$100.00 donation.

Committee Reports:

Family, Faith, Formation: Chris H. gave and his report is on file.

Finance and Treasurer's Report: Ron P. gave and a motion was made by Ron P. to accept the Treasurer's report with a 2nd by Todd H., passed. Verlaine W. talked about Lutheran Social Services, she explained that three different times they were to be here. Something came up every time. She has called six times and has really gotten nowhere. Jean and Pastor Eileen will follow up on this and see what they can do. Then Ron P. talked about their Finance meeting on Tues. with Pastor Eileen and how they went over all our financials. They talked about Thrivent Choice Dollars and also about stewardship and where to go with that.

Life and Missions: Jean P. gave and the report is on file. Jean then told us about the upcoming menus for the Wed. night suppers.

Premises: Bob Y. gave the report, none on file. Ethan Peek was here to talk to us about his Eagle Scout project, which is in the center courtyard. He explained what he wants to do, to get rid of the timbers, put in two benches and then the bushes would be gone or trimmed. There will be a wooden cross there, also. The cost right now is \$222.00 after donations from Bomgaars and \$100.00 off materials from Home Depot. Ron P. made a motion to give \$250.00 for the completion of this project, with a 2nd by Todd H., passed unanimously. We had discussion on a ramp or stepping stones so that it is wheelchair assessable. Verlaine W. said they should be taking pictures during the project so they can be put on the screen on Sundays. Chris H. asked about a dedication day, much discussion on this. Bob Y. asked for \$350.00 for a sump pump for the dungeon under the kitchen. As it is under \$500.00 they can go ahead without Council approval. Discussion on putting in an on-demand water heater for the fireside kitchen. Bob Y. got one bid on taking down the two oak trees for \$1800, but he needs another bid and Todd H. will give him another name to call.

Worship and Music: Report on File, Andrea gave and Choir robes were brought up by a member of the Choir. This is something we have talked about before and actually made a motion for this. This committee will talk to Nancy about this and bring it back to the Council at our next meeting.

Personnel Committee: Todd H. gave the report. This committee recommends the hiring of Dave McPherson to be our Audio/Visual Technician and the coordinator for operating of our system for the remainder of 2016; this includes the updating of our website, enhancing our system, etc. Todd H. made this a motion, with a 2nd by Verlaine W., passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Eileen talked about what she usually has done. She will e-mail how many visits etc. she has made. She likes to look to the future, she will go over the last month and where she would like to go forward. She wants to get to know all of us and after Jan. would like to start long range planning. She asked all of us to let her know if someone needs a visit. Pres. Jean talked about Oct. 7th, 8th and 9th, that Pastor Eileen will be gone and she will get a supply pastor for that Sunday. Ron P. talked about the Confirmation meeting that was held last night. There were 12 students there, with 5 of them returning. It sounded really great.

Old Business Resilient Pastor, Resilient Congregation-Potential Congregational Audit Statements, this was led by Todd H. and we discussed it after. We had talked about donating to something in Pastor Todd Walsh's name, Andrea J. talked to him and his choice was the Humane Society. Ron P. made a motion to donate \$100.00 in Pastor Todd's name, with a 2nd by Andrea J., passed unanimously.

New Business: Pres. Jean talked about writing our newsletter articles. Then we talked about changing our committee meeting dates to the Thurs. before Council, so the first Thurs. of the month. This way all the committees would be present and we could consult with each other if need be. It was decided we would meet on Oct. 6th at 6:00PM for our committee meetings, and then we will have Council on Oct. 13th at 6:00PM also. Pres. Jean passed out nametags to be used for the next 3 Sundays, Ron and Andrea volunteered to do this, Jean will also. A motion to adjourn was made by Verlaine W. with a 2nd by Ron P., passed.

We went up to the Sanctuary and knelt around the Altar rail, Pastor Eileen started the prayers and several people also prayed. Then we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Jensen, Secretary

Special Council Meeting
Sept. 25, 2016 11:30 AM

Attendance: all members of the Council, including Pastor Eileen were present.

Pres. Jean called the meeting to order in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Bob Y. talked about the two oak trees to the west of our upper parking lot. One is dead and the other is dying. He had talked to the city about them, but as they are not on the boulevard it is not their problem to remove them. Bob got three bids, Lumber Jack for \$2500.00, which they would take down the trees and grind the stump to the ground. The next one was from Albert Lea Tree Service for \$1800.00 and they would also grind the stump to the ground. The third one was from Lawson Tree service out of Glenville for \$1000.00 and would also grind to the ground. Bob made a motion to go with the Lawson Tree service, with a 2nd by Ron P., we had discussion on whether we would replant trees. Much talk on this, also on would it be done by Nov. 1st. Lawson said it would all be done before a Sunday and he would check with Deb to make sure there were no weddings or funerals before starting. The motion passed unanimously. A motion to adjourn was made by Cindy G., 2nd by Ron P., passed.

Then some questions were brought up about missing Council, it was stated that was not for this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Jensen, Secretary

LIFE AND MISSIONS COUNCIL REPORT

ALL COMMITTEES MET OCTOBER 6, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.

During our separate committee meeting we discussed the following:

1. Names for our Thank You Note recipients. We have had comments on how much these notes are appreciated.

2. Made final plans for our October 23rd Brunch Menu will be Potato Bar, Salad, Root Beer Floats, Juice and Milk. Donation designation is for our Wednesday Night Meals. Darcy Nielsen and Linda Bergland will be in charge. Thanks to them.

3. Set menus for Wednesday Night Meals:

October 12th

Ann and Verlaine will serve Hot Dish, Buns, Salad, Jello and Bars.

October 19th

Jean will serve Pizza and the fill ins.

October 26th

Andrea will serve Spaghetti, Garlic Toast, Jello, and Dessert.

November 2nd

will be Maidrites, Gretchen Claussen's™ Salad, and Desserts.

November 9th

Monica Nelson will serve Walking Tacos.

November 16th

Bob & Pat Goldman will serve Tator Tot Hotdish.

4. We will write and send Thanksgiving Cards to members over 80 on

November 14th.

5. Still discussing Youth for Christ Muffins.

Next meeting will be November 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.,

Premises

October 2016 Council Report

Removed solid wood door and replaced door with glass insert as per pastor's request.

Removed three Sunday school wooden doors trim the bottom and top to prevent continued carpet dragging.

Removed water valve in boiler room rebuilt and reinstalled. This will prevent continue water flowing as in the past to the sump pump. Water softener under sanctuary connected properly to sump pump to prevent flooding in that room.

Repaired water heater this allows hot water to the bathroom and fireside room. Will follow up on on-demand water heater fireside room if desired.

Trees on south side of church removed area cleaned up by contractor.

Power-washed southside of church brick work only, sidewalk and garden wall also. Will do brickwork on west side Washington Street on a warmer day.

Eagle Projects: Courtyard between church and classroom being worked on. Two other proposed eagle projects: 1) church kiosk and flagpole area and 2) replace the guardrail.

Currently getting snow bids. Greg Andersen assigned to the project. Received three so far.

Talked with Tom at total glass, he admits he forgot about the glass wall in the Whole, it's still on order.

Three more doors before winter to be replaced, the east side of church hallway, kitchen and behind the choir on the northside these doors are failing need to be replaced.

Church outside cleanup scheduled for 4 PM October 26.

Worship and Music Report

We met on Thurs. the 6th of Oct. with Pastor Eileen, Gloria, Kelly, Cindy, Andrea and Nancy present.

We talked about going back to saying the Lord's Prayer and decided we will start this on Sunday the 16th of Oct.

We also talked about our Mission Statement; it had been brought to us by some in the Congregation that it doesn't need to be said every week. We had a discussion on this and it was decided that it does need to be said every week for the benefit of our children, new members and so all of us know when we leave the Church that is our Mission.

We also talked about the upcoming 'Musician Appreciation Coffee' which will be on the 9th of Oct., and that we would set up for this on Sat. the 8th at 11:00AM. Just Gloria and Andrea would be able to make that. We discussed what we would be bringing to serve at the coffee.

On Oct. 23rd it is Lutheran Campus Ministry day and Pastor Al Girtz will be joining us to represent this as he is on the board in Mankato. A student will be joining him and we will ask if they can read the Scriptures for the day.

We talked about Reformation Sunday which is the 30th of Oct. and Nancy told us the Chimes would be playing that day. It is the day to wear red; the paraments will also be changed to red.

All Saint's Sunday is the 6th of Nov. and Kelly's class is doing a project for this. They are making fish with ribbons with the name of members who passed away this year. These will be hung on the Altar rail. We talked about having more made to put in the bulletin for anyone to add a name and put on the rail. We will take a picture after Church and show on the screen the next week.

We had earlier talked about our Advent wreath and possibly having a stand made for it, but decided to leave it and if the Acolytes need help we will have an Usher standing by.

Our next meeting is on Thurs. the 3rd of Nov. at 6:00PM