

Trinity Council Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2018

Attendance: Pastor Larry Conway, Dan Haskill, Len Lindell, Russ Zuskey, Craig Tillman, Nancy Greer, Bob Ruud, Max Collins, Alli Vandermyde, Heather Yodts, Gail Hess, Brenda Ray

Bob Ruud opened the meeting with a devotional on transformation at 6:40.

Meeting agenda was amended to include a discussion about the bank bag that offering money is placed into the vault. Agenda was approved with amendments.

Each member of council was given a folder containing information about being a council member, including staff lists, council liaison positions, and a copy of the current constitution. Present council members then introduced themselves.

The meeting minutes for January were approved with a motion by Nancy Greer, seconded by Russ Zuskey.

Council meeting minutes for February were approved with a motion from Craig Tillman and seconded by Len Lindell.

Russ Zuskey brought up the minutes from the Annual Congregational Meeting from February 2018. The newly elected Nominating Committee should be listed for 2018 and not 2017. Acknowledging that we did not need to approve the minutes as a Council, the decision was made to correct the typo before the congregation approved the minutes at the next congregational meeting.

Nancy Greer gave a detailed report for all council members to review what documents come in the financial packet received each month from the Accountant. She highlighted the Statement of Income and Expenses. This is the document that highlights our current situation in the church. Not just year to date giving, but a comparison of where the church is in comparison to where the budget is situated.

The financial report was approved with a motion from Gail Hess and seconded by Dan Haskill.

Pastor and Team Reports were approved as presented with a motion by Dan Haskill and seconded by Heather Yodts.

Council then moved into executive session for the Way Forward Update. Russ Zuskey moved and Len Lindell seconded to move into executive session.

Alli Vandermyde moved and Nancy Greer seconded to move out of executive session.

Council moved to bless the Rebuilding Together initiative lead by the Way Forward Team.

The last item of old business was a discussion on speakers. Pastor Larry has been working with Carolyn and the Memorial Team to find funding outside of the Property Reserve Fund. Russ Zuskey moved and Len Lindell seconded to table the conversation until the May presentation from the Way Forward Team.

New business began with an update on the space being leased to LSSI. Bob Ruud worked up a draft lease, which LSSI made some changes and sent back, then we made some adjustments and sent back to them. That is where we currently stand with them. Some conditions of the lease include their need for

two parking spots 24/7 for two vehicles marked with the LSSI logo. Secondly, LSSI would rent the space and pay for their own phone and internet, however, they might use our refrigerators. It has also been stipulated that they can reserve additional space for events in the church in the same manner as any other church group, without additional cost.

Craig Tillman made a motion that the start time of the council meetings be moved to 6pm, with a concurrent start time of snacks and devotionals. Nancy Greer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Synod Mission Fund is looking for a one-time infusion of monies after a particularly intense year. They are looking to raise \$200,000 on Sunday, May 20, 2018. A congregation of our size is being asked to contribute \$5,500-\$7,000. Council came to a consensus that we would see how much money can be raised from the congregation on that Sunday, using the materials provided by the Synod. Currently, the plan is to then vote in the June Council meeting on how much additional funds we wish to use.

Our church will be hosting a meeting for the Big Table Event on April 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm for our neighborhood. The purpose of the Big Table is to revitalize the Quad Cities Area.

Lastly, a motion was made by Nancy Greer to ensure that a large bank deposit bag was always in the safe for offering deposit as the envelope from coffee donations tends to be too large for the small bags. Consensus was reached by Council that the bag should also be labeled "Trinity Offering" to ensure that it is returned to the safe every week.

The NIS Assembly will be occurring on June 15-16th. We will need four adult and one youth delegates. This will be hosted at Centennial Hall at Augustana.

God's Work, Our Hands will be hosted by the ECLA on September 9, 2018. Council decided to forward the event to the Way Forward Team for their initiative to have a service project at least every quarter.

Finally, the following things were honored as good fruits in congregation:

- The Way Forward Team for all their hard and dedicated work
- Musicians for the Lenten midweek services
- Executive Committee for the LSSI lease
- Pastor Larry for hosting A Human Family Conference
- Praise Band for sounding really great
- Alli Vandermyde for taking notes and minutes this meeting
- Gail Hess for stepping up at the Annual Meeting and taking notes
- Green Team for recycling VHS Tapes
- Bob Ruud for devotional and treats

Respectfully submitted,

Alli Vandermyde