

Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline
Council Minutes
Tuesday, May 8, 2018
Faith Hall

Attendance: Jane Bahls, Bob Blew, Max Collins, Pastor Larry Conway, Nancy Greer, Gail Hess, Len Lindell, Brenda Ray, Bob Ruud, Craig Tillman, Alli Vandermyde, Heather Yodts, Russ Zeskey.

From A Way Forward team: Laura Ford, Eric Sandberg, Marcia , Karen Dowsett, Patty Jo Dooley.

From Call Committee: (Russ Zeskey, Patty Jo Dooley, Alli Vandermyde), Mark Peterson, Patty Tillman

From Staff: Brian Croegaert

From Property Team: Bill Lootens

Craig Tillman opened with a devotional poem about the anemone in the sea, feeling the sun even in the dark.

Bob Blew called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

Minutes of the April 10 meeting were approved.

Staff reports and ministry team reports were approved.

Finance plan approved.

Old business:

- LSSI move in progress: Rooms have been painted, carpet soon to be laid.
- Congregational meeting Sunday, May 20, Faith Hall, for sanctuary speakers.

A Way Forward Report

Laura Ford commended Pastor Larry for beginning this process and for his support and insight when needed.

Using a PowerPoint, she paced through the objectives of A Way Forward, trends, and research.

The Strategic Renewal Plan:

Reach out with ministries that appeal to young adults and families with children.

Enrich and connect our congregation.

New solutions for communication

Expertise—develop and hire resources to support renewal.

Welcome and invite effectively.

Laura followed with a list of ideas under each goal, with possible timeline, funding and other needs for each.. Plus barriers to change and some needs for implementation: governance, coordination and communication.

Next steps: Requested Council to endorse the plan, establish a coordination team, and get involved. She presented eleven initial action steps with AWF advisors for each as well as a request for a council liaison, and possible ministry teams to take them on.

Jane moved that *“Council endorse the report of A Way Forward, appoint the members of that team, if willing to serve, as the core of a new coordination team called RENEW, and agree to provide a Council member to help implement each of the eleven initial action steps.”* Nancy seconded. A discussion followed. Motion passed.

Marcia emphasized that the initial action plans are designed to strengthen our congregation. The longer-term plans that involve funding and staffing are meant to be bold plans designed to draw in more young adults and families.

Pastor Larry noted that the congregation doesn't yet realize how much it will cost to overlap pastors for up to three months. Council has approved this and secured money for it, so no congregational vote needed, but he proposed including this information in our June education blitz about RENEW.

Pastor Larry proposed a ministry team reorganization, which he offered to draft. Alli requested that we publicize what each team is and has been doing, for instance with a Team of the Week at worship.

Announcements

- Synod stewardship workshop, Rochelle, IL 5/5
- Norther Illinois Synod Assembly, Augustana College, 6/15-16
- Gods Work our Hands 9/9

Good fruits

- Marcia Judickas and team for organizing Rebuild Together day.
- A Way Forward Team for their amazing and thorough work.
- The Congregational Council for being accepting of the report and ready to help implement it.
- Pastor Larry for his years of service getting the congregation into much better shape.
- Craig Tillman for treats and devotions.

Next meeting devotions - Brenda Ray

Closing prayer / adjourn