

Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation Council Minutes

November 19, 2013

Welcome Paul Parsons, Council President

Roll Call/ Declaration of Quorum 7:08 p.m.

	<u>Off in 2014</u>	<u>Off in 2015</u>	<u>Off in 2016</u>
Y Pastor Jane Aicher	Y Mike Kinsey	Y Norm Amundsen	Y Cynthia Breitinger
Y Michael Renehan	Y Gary Behrens	Y Becky Lutz	Y David Burow-Flak
Y Barbara Herzinger	Y Erma Eichhorn	Y Valerie Steil	Y Matt Hernes
	Y Kathy Brannen	Y Paul Parsons	Y Jane Schreiner
	Y Natalie Lichtenberger, Youth Rep		

Devotions Deaconess Barb

Consent Agenda

- + Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation Council Minutes, October 22, 2013
- + November Pastor's Report – copies distributed

Motion to approve the council minutes and accept the Pastor's report. MSC

Old Business:

1. Facility Use - Gary Behrens

Facility Use Policy –11/17/2013 revision reviewed

Gary took notes on a few suggestions for revision & will make changes to policy for next meeting.

2. Nominating Committee for 2014 Council

- + Nominations Procedures (10/23/2013) for review

Motion to appoint Gary Behrens, Kathy Brannen, Erma Eichorn, Mike Kinsey to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2014 Congregational Council . MSC

3. Fall Stewardship - Commitment Weekend

Thanks to Jane Schreiner for creating the beautiful consecration parchment which will remain on a table for signatures over the next few weeks. Thanks to Pr. Jane for a great stewardship sermon on commitment weekend. Mike Kinsey will put offering envelopes out after 11/24/2013. Barb and Valerie Webdell will create a display of the fruit shapes for the wall around the parchment frame.

4. Security

- Background checks** – The Sherriff's Police referred Becky to the Indiana State Police. They provide free checks for churches, but the checks only cover Indiana. The fee for the company Church Mutual uses is \$7.50 per check. Gary will determine the type of check our insurance requires.
- Door-locking/Open Door policy** – Discussion of staff concerns regarding a frequent visitor from the neighborhood. Discussion of open door policy considerations.
The Valparaiso Police Dept. is offering a presentation on "Church Security Issues" on Dec. 5th. Jane & Becky will talk to Sgt. Mike Grennes about doing a presentation in Adult Forum. Questions arose about evaluating the building for improved security measures.

New Business:

1. Request from TLC Preschool

+ Letter of request from Nancy Moseley for a Petting Zoo event
David reviewed the Certificate of Liability Insurance Mr. Bertrand provided.
Deaconess Barb indicated the Trinity youth would be involved with the food sales.

Motion that TLC Preschool be approved to have an art fair and petting zoo event with food fund raiser. MSC

2. Office Manager Position for 2014

Review of requests from Carol Barber regarding Office Manager Position for 2014.

Recommendation from the Executive Committee:

That beginning in 2014, the position of Office Manager will be classified as a part-time position under the current Non-rostered Personnel Policies.

Discussion. Amended to:

Motion that beginning in 2014, the position of Office Manager will be classified as a part-time position, up to 30 hours per week, under the current Non-rostered Personnel Policies. MSC

9:00 p.m. Motion to extend for 15 minutes –MSC

3. VBS 2014

+ Deaconess Report – November

Barb provided statistical data from the 2013 VBS – copy attached. She plans to register to contract with Luther Road for 2014. Date will be either the week of July 13th, July 20th or July 27th. The youth Mission Trip and the Deaconess Conference take place in June.

9:15 p.m. Motion to extend for 15 minutes –MSC

A tithe from the daily offering was given to the Malaria Project. Discussion - consider not budgeting VBS as a line item from general fund. Increase advance promotion. Pr. Nyland had suggested inviting VBS families to a Sunday worship follow-up.

Move that \$3,000 for VBS not be budgeted for 2014 & that instead, a grant be requested from the Mission Endowment Fund. MSC Deaconess Barb will prepare grant request.

9:30 p.m. Motion to extend for 15 minutes –MSC

4. Indiana Unclaimed – Pr. Jane reported on information she had received on Trinity unclaimed funds.

Move that David Burow-Flak be assigned as the representative of Trinity Lutheran Church to obtain funds through Indiana Unclaimed. MSC

Financial Report – Mike Renehan

3 Corrections to Financial & Membership Events Summary: Nov. 18, 2012 net excess should be (16,047.75). New member reception – December. Next confirmation – Nov. 24th.

9:45 p.m. Motion to extend – MSC

Closing Prayer

9:50 p.m. Motion to adjourn - MSC

Dates of upcoming meetings:

- ❖ Next council meeting – Monday, December 16th in Fellowship Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m. with festive food & fellowship!
- ❖ Congregational Meeting – January 26th, 2014

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia T. Breiting