

Minutes of
Trinity Lutheran Church Council
November 27, 2018

Members Present: Pastor Esker, Bill Konigsfeld, Jerry Lindvall, Mary Nuss, Deb Preston, Robert Preston, Chuck Wiley

Members Absent: Chris DeSchepper, Brad Tunak

Others present: Pastor Nord Swanstrom

Others absent: Louise Owen, TLCW President

Deb Preston called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Jerry Lindvall moved, Bill Konigsfeld seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2018, council meeting. (There was no October 2018 meeting.) The motion was approved.

Chuck Wiley moved, Bill Konigsfeld seconded a motion to accept the reports of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Pastor, Parish Administrator, Director of Christian Education and the Director of Pastoral Care, and place them on file. The motion was approved.

Pastor Nord Swanstrom, representing the Northern Illinois Synod, gave the yearly synod presentation on what our funding of the synod supports and how thankful the synod is for our support. He also asked about the Trinity programs and if there was anything with which the synod could assist Trinity.

Council decided to seek information on the cost of having an outside group handle the treasurer's job because no one has come forth with an offer to take the position. Once there is an estimate of how much it would cost to outsource there will be a congregational meeting to seek their input.

As of November 27, the organ fund has accumulated \$9,839.50 (131 keys). We need only about another thousand dollars to reach the cost of the organ. There will be income from the cookie/candy sale in December. It is hoped that the full cost will be raised before the end of the year.

Chuck Wiley will seek other electricians to install ceiling fans because the electricians he had talked too were too busy to work on them in the near future.

The proposed budget for 2019 was discussed. There will be a pre-annual meeting discussion of the budget on January 20. There are also plans for a mid-year review of income and expenses to keep the congregation updated on the financial status of the congregation.

In 2019, each Sunday \$5.00 from the fellowship offering basket will go to a fund to pay for coffee, cups, sugar, lemonade, etc., because TLCW will no longer exist to fund these expenses. The remainder of the offering will go to whatever fund the host/hostess for that Sunday determines.

The council meeting scheduled for December 25 will be moved to December 18. The January Council meeting will be January 29, so that it takes place after the annual meeting when elections will be held. Pastor noted that Trinity had received a thank you note from one of the recipients of a DEC Thanksgiving basket.

Chuck Wiley is resigning as chair of the Building and Grounds Team. He will ask a couple people he has in mind about chairing the team.

Jerry Lindvall moved and Bill Konigsfeld seconded a motion to accept the team/committee reports submitted to council. The motion was approved and reports will be put on file.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nuss
Secretary