

Trinity Lutheran Church, Durand, IL
Council Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2019

Members Present: Sharon Beksel, Michelle Chatfield, Pastor Pat Esker, Jerry Lindvall, Deb Preston, Brad Tunak, Maureen Witte

Members Absent: Robert Preston

Vice President Michelle Chatfield called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm.

Michelle Chatfield read the gathering dialogue, lit the candle and prayed.

Vice President Chatfield declared a quorum.

Jerry Lindvall moved and Maureen Witte seconded to approve the February 26, 2019 Council Minutes and place them on file with an addition to the minutes about where the \$450.00 donation from TLCW went upon disbanding. The donation was given for World Hunger and the Thank You came from ELCA. The motion was approved.

Pastor Pat Esker asked treasurer Jerry Lindvall how things were going with our new CPA, LeAnn Clark of BW Accounting Services in Durand, IL. He stated progress is being made, as it is the beginning of the year and she has been busy with tax season. Jerry will be asking LeAnn Clark for a contract for her services.

Deb Preston moved and Brad Tunak seconded the motion to approve reports and place them on file. Motion was approved.

Communications:
None received.

Old Business:
Team Liaison reports of when teams are meeting:

Deb Preston- Stewardship and Evangelism:

Stewardship Chair, Paula Rau and Secretary, Mary Nuss meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am.

Evangelism: Lyle Clark and Vesta Clark have agreed to serve on the team. Meetings are yet to be determined.

Jerry Lindvall- Audio Visual and Budget & Finance:

Audio Visual team- Jerry Lindvall, Louise Owen, Coltin Rau and Noah Chatfield, meeting as needed.

Budget & Finance- Jerry Lindvall and Susie Wendel meet quarterly.

Maureen Witte- Mission & Social Concerns (including DEC) and Memorial Team:

Caring Hearts Chair and Secretary, Paula Rau. Meeting first Tuesday every other month at 9:00 am.

DEC, Mike Bolen, Barb Lindvall, Paula Rau and Rich Koch meet every other month on Thursday.
Trinity Stitchers meet every Monday at 9:00 am.
Memorial Team- Louise Owen, Mary Nuss, Bill Koenigsfeld and Shannon Brown meet as needed.

Brad Tunak- Building & Grounds:

Lyle Clark, Tim Rau, Dale Tunak, Jerry Lindvall and Noah Chatfield. Marilyn Wiley on Grounds.
Brad will contact Chuck Wiley to get his input and ideas as he served in the past, but has resigned.

Michelle Chatfield- Christian Education & Parish Life:

Christian Ed, Wendy Tunak and Shannon Brown. Time to begin planning for VBS.

Parish Life- has dissolved recently, but Louise Owen and Mary Nuss expressed interest in it. Ideas that council came up with for events: potluck, progressive dinners, game night, movie night, etc.

Robert Preston- Trinity Mission Men:

Jerry Lindvall, Chair. They meet the second Saturday every other month. He's pleased that all the guys that show up are always willing to jump right in and help.

Sharon Beksel- Worship & Music:

Chair, Shannon Brow. Secretary, Louise Owen. Mary Nuss. Mary Jane Koch, Heidi Swanson and Louise Owen all meet the third Monday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

All the above teams could use additional help! Please see any team member or council member about how you can help!

Funeral Notifications-

Jerry Rogala has agreed to notify members by email in the event of a congregation members passing. This is set to begin after Easter (April 21st). Guidelines will be set up as will a format be laid out for the email to be sent. Emails will be sent out to those members with email addresses, only after permission is given by the deceased members family, to Sharon Beksel.

A call tree to notify those members without email will not be pursued.

Jerry Rogala's official title will be: Funeral Communications Coordinator.

If members who receive emails have any questions upon receiving emails, those questions will be directed to Jerry Rogala.

Sharon Beksel lead us in prayer and read scripture from Romans Chapter 12.

We then shared our Joys and Disappointments with each other, as a way of being supportive of our fellow council members.

Jerry Lindvall made a motion, Deb Preston seconded to begin gathering a call committee for a new pastor. Church Council will appoint at least 6 members to call committee. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin and The Traveler. Members interested are to submit their name to the church office.

We prayed the Apostle's Creed together

New Business:

With regret, we approved the transfer of membership of Pastor Pat Esker, Dr Alan Esker and Joanna Esker to Good Shepard in Lena, IL. Deb Preston motioned, Maureen Witte seconded. The motion was approved with regret.

Sharon Beksell discussed the possibility of Monroe Clinic using our building for the use of medical talks, yoga, support groups such as dementia and grief. Monroe Clinic is a non for profit. Any rental fees would be waived.

Estimate of Giving Cards were discussed. Council decided that it is best to have that information kept in the computer for future reference and to monitor trends of giving. The cards will be filled out and opened so totals can be seen by council. This information is needed when making financial decisions and preparing the budget.

Always Being Made New: Campaign for the ELCA

ELCA ministries are looking for support in their mission. They work on Local, National and International levels to help young people getting into ministry.

On June 1st, 2019 we will collect a special offering that will be taken to the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly on June 14th and 15th and it will be placed in the offering there.

Deb Preston made a motion, Jerry Lindvall seconded to have a special collection on June 1st for a NIS offering. Motion was approved.

Maureen Witte asked about birth or wedding announcements to be shared, which was discussed at Caring Hearts meeting. Council decided it was up to the individual(s) to go ahead and share that information.

Maureen also asked about the youth of our church sitting on council. They are certainly welcome as a continuing resolution – voice with no vote. All members of Trinity are welcome to join us at any council meeting. We meet the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm.

Deb Preston made a motion, Brad Tunak seconded to place all committee reports on file. Motion was approved.

Prayers of the Church
Sharing of the Peace

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.