

Trinity Lutheran Church

Camp Hill, Pennsylvania Minutes of Congregation Council Meeting

October 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by President Seth Maurer. The following council members and staff were present:

Pastor Horner	Ryan Sheaffer	Julie Ward
Pastor Brock	Patti Shatto	Jason Sourbeer
Pastor Frey	Bill Bishop	Daryl Ackerman
Seth Maurer	Mary Ellen Hettinger	David Rupnik
David Butcher	Chad Skrocki	

Opening prayer and devotion by Bill Bishop

MOTION: Absences: Jason Sourbeer moved to approve the absences of Elizebeth Shenk-Infanti. Ryan Sheaffer seconded. Motion carried.

Recognition of visitors:

MOTION: Minutes Dave Rupnik moved to approve the minutes of the Sept 12 meeting. Ryan Sheaffer. seconded. Motion carried.

Staff Reports: Reports are on file for Pastor Horner, Pastor Brock, Pastor Frey, Tim Koch, Debbie Wilson, Moses Kavishe, Stephanie Maurer, David Holste, Jon Lobaugh

Pastor Horner written report is posted He added that we are proceeding with caution on his planned Holy Lands trip. Also, he noted that Danelle Andrews has accepted another position and will be leaving her staff position at Trinity as of Nov 1, 2023. We will be looking to fill her position.

Pastor Brock written report is posted. He highlighted Zion Lutheran has been struggling financially and are selling their church building and will be looking for another location to worship. He wanted to note at Pennsylvania has a high density of Lutheran churches and a lot of them are small and struggling.

Pastor Frey written report is posted. She highlighted that Laura Butcher and her, with the mission's team, are working on developing an English as a second language (ESL) program at Trinity. Also, we had our Fall new members class, with 9 new families, on Sunday, Oct 8.

Stephanie Maurer written report is posted Just highlighted working with the Give Serve Lead team on filling the open positions for 2024 council.

Moses Kavishe written report is posted

President's written report is posted - He thanked David Butcher for leading the last council meeting in his absence. He asked for the council to keep in mind people in mind for the open council and committee positions for 2024.

Vice President's written no report is posted – nothing to add.

Petitions and Communications

- Update on council nominations 2023
 - Nominees being compiled.
- 2023 budget preparations
 - Budget request sent to committees and teams due Oct 23.
 - Finance Subcommittee working on a balance budget to be approved by finance in submitted to Council for approval in December.

Executive Session

The council entered into executive session to discuss a sensitive issue. Discussion ensued.

The Executive session was closed, and the regular meeting continued.

Committees and Teams Reports:

Administrative Committees:

Finance: Daryl Ackerman's: Report is on file.

Administration and Personnel: Patti Shatto, Chair – Report is on file. She highlighted having a meeting with Danelle Andrews to discuss the Digital Media position as we work to find a replacement after her resignation.

Property: Dave Rupnik - report is on file. He highlighted that property, finance and council have approved the purchase of a new chiller, which should arrive July 2024. Also the Camphill borough Market Street streetscape project will happen in 2024 and we will have an expense to replace sidewalk in front of the parsonage.

Strategic Planning: Bob Frymoyer - report is on file.

Ministry Team Reports:

Arts: Mary Haar, team lead. No report on file

Community Outreach Ministries: Mitzi Jones, team lead, Report is on file.

Faith Formation: Serena Fedor, team lead. - Report on file

- Preschool Taskforce/ Board – Gerrie Reddinger

Hospitality/ Fellowship: vacant, team lead. report is on file.

Give Serve Lead: David Butcher, team lead - Report is on file. He highlighted the annual appeal is underway. Mailings and publications will be forthcoming.

IT/AV: Jon Lobaugh, team lead – report on file.

Missions: Mary Ellen Hettinger, team lead. Report is on file.

Publicity and Communications: Jessica Shaeffer, team lead. Report is on file.

Worship: Julie Ward, team lead. Report is on file

Youth: Alex Bowman, team lead. No Report on file

Webmasters – Report on file

Safety Team – Steve Kauffman, facilitator.

Actionable items:

MOTIONS:

Finance moves that the \$71,000 bequest (John Pringle) be directed \$3,000 in equal parts (\$1,000 each) to Missions, Community Outreach, and the Synod; \$23,000 to the Endowment Fund; \$5,000 to the Solar Fund and \$40,000 to MIRA. David Rupnik seconded.

Discussion ensued. Motion passed.

MOTIONS:

David Rupnik moved that former members Alan & Joan Wenrich request for refund for the niche they purchased in Trinity's columbarium in the amount of \$1,800. David Butcher seconded.

Discussion ensued. Motion passed.

New Business:

Informational items:

Old Business

Comments for the good of the order

David Rupnik moved to adjourn. Ryan Sheaffer seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm and Pastor Horner lead the council members in praying the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: Nov 14, 2023, at 7pm in room 237

Steve Kauffman, assistant to the secretary