

Trinity Lutheran Church

Camp Hill, Pennsylvania Minutes of Congregation Council Meeting

March 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Ryan Sheaffer. The following council members and staff were present:

Pastor Horner	Julie Ward	Jason Sourbeer
Pastor Brock	David Butcher	Alex Bowan
Pastor Frey	Mary Ellen Hettinger	Bob Frymoyer
Ryan Sheaffer	Dave Rupnik	Beth Maurer
Bill Bishop	Chad Skrocki	Valerie Kelley

Opening prayer and devotion by Jason Sourbeer

MOTION: Absences: No absences. *Pastor Liz will attend via zoom

Recognition of visitors: Moses Kavishe

MOTION: Minutes

David Rupnik moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024. Jason Sourbeer seconded. Motion carried.

Staff Reports: Reports are on file for Pastor Horner, Pastor Brock, Pastor Frey, Timothy Koch, Debbie Wilson, Moses Kavishe, Suzanna Erdley, Jessica Sheaffer, Jon Lobaugh, David Holste

Pastor Horner written report is posted. He added an update on the mission expansion possibilities at Christ Fileys. Both groups have agreed to continue conversations. Council formed a taskforce to conduct a feasibility study on this. The team will be made up of the following members: Council President, Ryan Sheaffer; VP, Bill Bishop; Jason Sourbeer; David Butcher; Pastor Horner; David Holste, and other staff members as needed.

Pastor Brock written report is posted nothing to add

Pastor Frey written report is posted She highlighted with an update on the new mission with an ESL program – we are working with Camp Hill School district. We have 38 students registered with a capacity of 60. Currently 21 countries are represented.

Jessica Sheaffer written report is posted

Moses Kavishe written report is posted

President's written report is posted he highlighted how he and vice President have made a point to attend many of the committee and team meetings and how he is impressed with all the work each team and committee does.

Vice President's no written report is posted

Petitions and Communications

Need to recruit and approve 5 voting members, in addition to our 3 pastors, to represent Trinity at the 2024 Synod Assembly on May 31 and June 1 at St. Matthews in York. (1 women, 1 man, 1 other, youth and a person of color or a person whose primary language is not English)

Committees and Teams Reports:

Administrative Committees:

Finance:

Bob Frymoyer (Committee Chair): Report is on file. He highlighted that we have funds available from the Gordan Fry bequest that put into a trust as Trinity as the beneficiary, to be used for advancing the Arts. For this year, we are requesting 16k for organ maintenance and 9k for a summer concert.

Appeal Finance Subcommittee:

Bob Frymoyer - Report is on file.

Strategic Planning:

Bob Frymoyer (Committee Chair): report is on file. Bob asked our faith formation director, Moses Kavishe, to speak to the strategic plan. He highlighted the 4 pillars and offered some examples.

Administration and Personnel:

Beth Maurer (Committee Chair): Report is on file.

Property:

Dave Rupnik (Committee Chair): report is on file. He highlighted that the security cameras are having issues. We are working to correct this as soon as possible.

Ministry Team Reports:

Arts: Mary Haar, Team Lead: No report on file

Community Outreach Ministries: Kim Hoover, Team Lead: Report is on file.

Faith Formation: Serena Fedor, Team Lead: Report on file

- Preschool Taskforce/ Board – Gerrie Reddinger (facilitator)

Hospitality/ Fellowship: Rachel Norris, Team Lead: report is on file.

Give Serve Lead: David Butcher, Team Lead: Report is on file. He highlighted by showing an offering envelope giving chart showing that Trinity, after years of a continual decline in giving, are now seeing a pretty steep uptick in giving the past two years. He credited much of this success to the consultant we have used for the last two years. Give Serve Lead have decided to continue working with the consultant for another year.

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

Publicity and Communications: Mary Alin Lubold, Team Lead: Report is on file.

Worship: Julie Ward, Team Lead: No Report is on file

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

Webmasters: Jessica Sheaffer: Report on file

Safety Team: Chad Skrocki, facilitator: Report on file. He highlighted that the team met for the first time in a while and will be working with consultant on development of policy page and procedures and then look to get some training scheduled

Actionable items:

MOTION:

Pastor Horner moves to form an exploratory committee to explore the mission possibilities and financial feasibility at Christ Fileys. The team members David Rupnik, David Butcher, Jason Sourbeer, Ryan Sheaffer, Bill Bishop, David Holste a faith formation member and others the team may decide to include.

Beth Maurer second. Motion carried.

MOTION:

Finance moves that the \$25,000 bequest we received from the Wade estate in February should be distributed with \$15,000 for social and outreach endeavors, at least in part intended to reserve money for possible acquisition of Dillsburg church for new ministries; \$2,000 to the solar fund related to our roof; \$3,500 for a consultant to Give Serve Lead for 2024; \$2,500 to benevolence for community outreach and missions; and \$2,000 to replace Trinity's coffee machine.

Bill Bishop second. Motion carried.

MOTION:

Pastor Horner moves to elect Jane Wigand, Rob Leshner, Julie Ward, Moses Kavishe and a youth member to be assigned, as our representatives to the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly, Day of Worship & Business, on Friday May 31, 2024, and Saturday, June 1, 2024. Edification Day is May 18, 2024.

David Rupnik second. Motion carried.

MOTION:

Dave Holste moves for Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (Trinity Lutheran) to authorize the Treasurer of the Boy Scout Troop 51, a part of Trinity Lutheran through the Boy Scouts of America Charter agreement using Trinity Lutheran's Federal Employer Identification number, to open bank accounts under Trinity Lutheran's name and mailing address. The Boy Scout Treasurer will also be allowed online access to that bank account as well as possessing the authority to assign an additional Boy Scout Officer online access. Trinity will reserve the right to add one of Trinity's bank signers to that account as well.

Jack Horner second. Motion carried.

New Business:

Informational items:

Old Business:

TLC will continue to engage in conversation with the council of Christ Lutheran Church Fileys, in Dillsburg, regarding the possibility of gifting of their church facility and property to TLC to expand our ministry and reach.

- *The Councils of both Trinity and Fileys have agreed to continue in conversations.*
- *Pastor Horner, Pastor Brock, Pastor Liz, Steve Kauffman and Moses visited the site on Saturday, March 9 with Fileys council members.*
- *Council has formed a taskforce to explore the mission possibilities and financial feasibility at Christ Fileys. The taskforce will comprise of David Rupnik, David Butcher, Jason Sourbeer, Ryan Sheaffer, Bill Bishop, David Holste a faith formation member and others the team may decide to include.*

Comments for the good of the order

Bob Frymoyer moved to adjourn. Mary Ellen Hettinger seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm and Pastor Horner lead the council members in praying the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: April 9, 2024 at 7pm in room 237.

Steve Kauffman, assistant to the secretary