

## **Church Trinity Community Lutheran**

### **Congregational Council Meeting**

Sunday September 11, 2016

Attending: Gina Gaudet (chair), Louise Cassidy (church manager and book keeper), Curt Bush (treasurer), Jacob Berger, Rosemary Thorne, Robin Holland (secretary). Absent: Bob Culbert

**Call to Order and Opening Prayer:** Gina

**Approval of minutes of previous meeting, Aug. 14, 2016:** moved Robin, seconded Louise, carried.

**Treasurer's Report/Quarterly Results:** Curt

Loss of \$876 in August. Loss of \$4500 so far this year.

Yard sale brought in \$701.83. Huge thanks to Jacob, Jean, Curt and others.

Louise is using accrual accounting, wherein expenses are current even if we haven't yet received a bill. This is a change from previously.

In 2012, there was a deposit into CD of \$590. There was also interest added to this. Louise went back through the books to 2012 to figure this out. CD currently sits at \$54,278.

Power of Music series: people have not donated because the donation boxes were not prominently displayed. This will change and donations will hopefully come in, which will help our income.

Once the financials are fully organized, we will brainstorm ideas for increasing our income.

Petty cash account: these items were actually office expenses and float money for church bazaar. These items have been moved into the appropriate areas.

Revolving line of credit: we owe \$347 and have been paying this off plus interest at \$20 each month. Moved Louise, seconded Robin, that we take this amount from the money market to pay off this line of credit, carried.

Signers on church account: currently Lucy, Dorothy, Joan, Louise, Barbara. Moved Louise, seconded Robin, to remove Joan and Barb, and to add Curt and Andy, carried. Louise will ask Andy if he will serve as signer. Two signatures needed on cheques.

Louise's office hours at church will be Thursdays from 10:00 to noon.

Brochure: we need to create a church brochure that tells people about our worship services, concerts, power of music series, philosophers' café, music camp, etc. We could also encourage people to use our facility for weddings /renewal of vows, which could be a source of income.

Donations: Where to put donations (for example, after the parish hall sale?) Who keeps the keys to the donation boxes? Also we need to always have two people to count donations (after concerts, etc.)

### **Buildings and Grounds**

Narthex: Scott Hackleman worked on plumbing and electrical and installed cabinets. This work is mostly finished. Cabinets are paid for; Scott's work has not yet been paid. We still need to finish the floor. Scott suggests new door on bathroom.

Invoice from Itoko for three months gardening and watering, \$225.

Cleaning: Heather is away, so substitute cleaner is doing minimal cleaning.

### **New Business**

**Organist/pianist payment:** We used to pay \$50 per service. Their work is definitely worth it, but we simply can't afford it. Robin will call Laurie, Jim and Natasha, and tell them that we are not in a position to remunerate any of our church musicians. We are extremely grateful to them for sharing their gifts, and their work greatly enhances the worship experience. We hope that they will consider their service to be their contribution to the upkeep of the church.

**Fundraising suggestions:** bazaar, silent auction at music events, beach cabin raffle, bake sales, etc. We will all try to come up with more suggestions for the future.

**Social media committee:** we need someone to take over organizing our web site, getting people to like our facebook page (Cynthia Zimbelman posts things to the facebook page as they are sent to her), put brochure together, etc.

Next meeting we will bring forward names for social and print media committee, as well as suggestions for fund raising activities.

Adjourned at 2:15.

Next meeting moved to Oct. 16 (Cdn. Thanksgiving on Oct. 9.)