

Trinity Community Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting

April 23, 2017

Council members attending: Gina Gaudet, Louise Cassidy, Rosemary Thorne, Greg May, Bob Culbert, Robin Holland (full attendance).

Call to order at 1:10 p.m.

Prayer - Greg

Welcome new council members Greg and Carol. It is requested that all council members help with worship in some way. Greg will take on “head usher” position and try to organize people to sign up; especially important to have ushers who will greet people at the door as they come into the sanctuary. Louise will add usher to worship schedules.

Approval of AGM Minutes of March 19, 2017 – moved Carol, seconded Rosemary, carried. Louise has posted the minutes on the bulletin board downstairs and will send them also to the website.

Treasurer’s Report/Quarterly Results - Bob

See attached report. Bob has volunteered to be Treasurer (thank you Bob!!) \$55,400 in bank ,between CD and cash in bank. Of the cash in the bank, \$5000 is designated for the summer music camp and is not available for operating funds. We are still in a deficit position, with a loss of \$1370 for March. Net loss of \$2500 for first quarter. If we don’t get more income, we will not be able to continue after about 5 more years. We must either cut our expenses or else come up with more income.

Louise brought info about on–line donations through company called Vanco. Cost \$100 to start up and \$10 per month. We could put a Donation button on the website and also encourage people to donate electronically on regular basis. Louise will look further into this – moved Bob, seconded Robin, carried.

Spring concert series donations are directed only to summer music camp; no income to Trinity. Cost \$75 per month to put concert series ad in newspaper. Natasha and other Canadian residents may be given travel money but may not be paid for their volunteer work. Moved Carol, seconded Bob, to invite Natasha and Lucy to a special meeting with council to discuss how we can work this out, so that no one is at risk, carried. Also, Louise will phone Len Saunders, immigration lawyer in Blaine, and consult him on honoring people’s gifts without breaking the law. Carol wonders if we could do scholarships for Canadian kids who volunteer?

We also must have a written budget for summer music camp. Louise will ask Natasha to prepare this.

Building and Grounds – Bob

Louise suggests we rename the parish hall as the “community room” since we want to encourage the community to use the room.

Knee Club meets in community room every Wed and they need the whole space for their exercises. Yoga class also uses the whole space. If we put all chairs in closet after Sunday hospitality, then it is easier for Heather to clean and for these groups to use the space.

Two trees need to be taken down before they fall down on someone. Chuck quoted \$1200 for taking down leaning tree; probably will be similar for dying cedar. Moved Bob, seconded Rosemary, that we have Chuck take down the leaning tree at a cost of approximately \$1200, carried.

Gutters – Louise will call Mount Baker Roofing about the area where the buildings come together. All the gutters need to be screened the whole length of the gutters, but even with screening, they still be need to be maintained and have gunk cleaned off the screens regularly. Greg will clean out gutters; he has ladders, boards for shoring up ladders on uneven ground. Bob will help him with this. Thank you Greg and Bob!!

Storage room (upstairs) needs to be cleaned out and organized. Church records can be moved onto shelves in upstairs office. There are also summer music camp items, living nativity costumes, building supplies, etc.

Ongoing Business

Action required by Louise:

Chair cleaning, carpet cleaning, hall floor stripping and waxing – need quote to budget. Louise will contact Brad for quote on cleaning chairs and carpet.

Sign in front of building is not lit and can't be seen at night. We need to get a new solar outdoor light for the sign.

Adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Next council meeting will be May 21 (May 14 will be Mother's Day so not a good day for a meeting).

Respectfully submitted by Robin Holland.

