

Trinity Community Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2018

Council members present: Rosemary Thorne, Bob Culbert, Carol Clark, Robin Holland

Absent: Louise Cassidy, Gina Gaudet, Greg May

Called to order at 1:00

Music: Bob – Laurie Brown would appreciate payment for travel expenses when she plays piano and organ for services. Moved Bob, seconded Robin, that we pay travel expenses of \$50 to musicians from outside Point Roberts who lead the music during services, carried.

Finances: Bob – We are roughly \$1200 under budget at this time. Flute concert brought in approximately \$750 last week. We will probably see a similar pattern to last year, with more income in summer and at year end.

Building: Bob - Greg changed out all the outside round door knobs for door handles which are easier to open. Thank you, Greg! We are having difficulty finding the right hinges for the corner cupboard in the kitchen. Bob will continue to search for the right hinges.

Worship Leadership suggestion: Robin – I have received a suggestion about the possibility of opening up the sermon time to lay people who may have a topic they want to speak on. This was suggested partly as a way to take some of the pressure off Father Chuck and Pastor Gina; we need to find out if they think this would be a good idea.

Questions: Who would lead the liturgy, or would be dispense with the liturgy? (Council members present did not seem in favor of dispensing with liturgy.)

Do the talks need to be related to the day's scripture readings? (Yes.)

Would pastors be paid less on this Sunday since they won't be giving a sermon but still would be leading the liturgy? (Council members present indicate that pastors still should be paid.)

Could we have a special dispensation from the Bishop to have communion dispensed by lay people if there is not a pastor available for consecrating the bread and wine?

Would we do this weekly (probably not), or once a month, or?

Would it be a good idea to have a short sermon by the pastor on the scripture readings, and then open up the floor for others to speak?

How long for each person to speak, and how many people to speak at each service? Would the pastor or another person be charged with making sure the speaker does not speak too long and stays on topic?

Speakers arranged in advance, or as the spirit moves people?

Council Chairperson: Members present agree that Louise would be the best choice to chair our meetings if she is willing to do so.

Budget: Bob – Budget for this year has not been officially prepared, and we need to do so. Budget should total around \$48,000 per year, about half of which will be payments to people (pastors, cleaning, management, etc.)

User Groups: Bob – Do we have a written contract with the various groups, stating that they use the buildings and grounds at their own risk and that we do not accept any liability? We also should know who they are, where they come from, how many are involved, etc. Also we wonder if the groups make any donations for the upkeep of the buildings?

Adjourned at 1:35

Next meeting Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 12:45

Respectfully submitted by Robin Holland