

Trinity Community Lutheran Church

Congregational Council Meeting

October 14, 2018

Council Members present: Louise Cassidy, Gina Gaudet, Carol Clark, Rosemary Thorne, Bob Culbert, Robin Holland

Absent: Greg May

Call to Order and Opening Prayer: Carol

Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on Sept 9, 2018: moved Robin, seconded Gina, carried

Treasurer's Report: Bob

See attached financials. Cash in bank approximately \$3000.00.

Insurance payment of \$3,505.00 due on Nov 1. We will pay ½ now and ½ in 6 months.

If we use line of credit (which we never do), interest is now 11.25%.

Building and Grounds Report: Bob

Insulation – before moving ahead with this, we want to talk to congregation members about this and have not had time do to so.

Heating – Louise will look into cost of getting a new programmable thermostat, which would ensure that furnace gets turned off or down regularly, since people often forget and leave the furnace running which leads to high bills for propane. Also, fans need to be left on to push warm air down where it's needed.

Compost – Louise will look into getting a compost bin, and possibly a small leaf shredder, to use for leaves and grass clippings.

On-Going Business

Worship Participation: Rita, Carol, and Joan Ross have offered to help as worship assistants. Robin is willing to be back up as well. Gina is interested in doing a group training session for anyone interested. This would help familiarize them with worship materials and expectations for those who are assisting. There are also opportunities for people to help out without doing the whole worship service (ie – reading the Prayers of the People, leading the Creed, offering the wine and grape juice during communion, etc.)

Use of hall by other religious groups: Louise has so far contacted one member of the local Jewish community, who expressed interest in using our space.

Pledge Cards/Stewardship Campaign: have not had a chance to work on this yet.

New Business

Food Bank: suggest that we give a monthly donation of \$25 to our local Food Bank. Moved Robin, seconded Rosemary, carried.

Child Care during worship services: We need someone to back up Nancy when she is unavailable. Marguerite and Robin will help when needed. Louise will advertise on PAWS for a local teenager who could be available when needed.

Quilts: Someone asked to borrow one of the quilts on display in the hall to use as background for wedding photos, but the quilts are bolted to the walls, up high, and too difficult to get down. Also these quilts were entrusted to our care by the quilting group. We believe that the quilts actually belong to the quilters and we shouldn't loan them out.

Note: Carol will be away all of November. Rosemary will be away Nov 18 – Dec 7.

Next meeting Sunday Nov 11, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Holland.