

Trinity Community Lutheran Church

Congregational Council Meeting

July 9, 2017

Council members present: Gina Gaudet, Bob Culbert, Rosemary Thorne, Louise Cassidy, Robin Holland

Absent: Greg May, Carol Clarke

Called to Order at 1:10 by Gina, chairperson

Approval of Minutes of June 18, 2017 Meeting: moved Robin, seconded Rosemary, carried

Treasurer's Report/Half Year Results: Bob

\$18,600 total income year to date. \$1500 surplus in DBS which will be moved to Trinity soon.

\$22,900 expenses YTD; shortfall of \$4300 YTD.

CD \$51,300 (includes \$5000 donated specifically for summer music camp.) \$1,220 in bank.

Suggestion that council members ask for financial support during Prayers of the People. We need more support to keep our doors open and also to keep serving our community in God's name. Also suggestion for writing a new prayer to be prayed before the offering, asking that we give our best to God's service. Louise has been gathering wording from various sources.

Building and Grounds: Bob

Leaking toilet in narthex was fixed by Chuck Nading and Greg May. Louise will ask Bev to send thank you cards to them.

Refinishing front door and side rails: Greg will do this when we have procured the proper marine varnish. He will also build a platform on wheels so that we can move large TV.

Barry is doing a wonderful job of looking after our church lawns.

Trees: Bob will have his nephew, who is in charge of trees in Surrey, come and look at our trees, as there are some that look worrisome.

On Going Business

Website and Brochure: still no brochure but more is being done on facebook

Vanco Payment Solutions: this will help people who want to give a regular monthly donation but are not always able to be at worship. Louise is having someone come in on Tuesday to help her set this up, and also to look at making recording of the worship service easier.

Chair Rental: Taxpayers Association want to borrow our chairs for their July 13 meeting. They will pick up the chairs and return them on the same day; also they will make a donation for use.

New Business

Fundraising: Re-gifting sale, to take place on Nov 25 (US Thanksgiving weekend). We will ask people to consider donating things that could be used by someone else (rather than going out and buying more stuff – reusing and repurposing useful items.) Needs to be mostly smaller items because we don't have much storage space. Gina will write this up in her monthly column in the APB. Barb is working on organizing our historical records and financials from past years – these will be stored on shelves in upstairs study, which will free up space in upstairs storage room. Louise will ask Pastor Jean if she will organize the stuff that is donated. She will also ask Circle of Care to do food for this event.

Dinner with Speaker: we have organized similar events in the past. We would hire caterers to do the meal. We can sit approximately 40 people in parish hall. If we charged about \$100 a plate, and caterers charged \$25 a plate, we would make \$75 a plate. We need to think about who we could ask to speak and who the public will be interested in hearing.

Participation in worship services: Bob and Andy do most of the worship assistant work, but they are not available every Sunday. Gina suggests that we could have three positions (rather than one worship assistant) each Sunday: a cantor (to do all the singing parts), a person to lead confession and prayers, and one to assist at communion. Gina will announce this next Sunday; Louise will prepare sign up sheets.

Adjourned at 2:05. Next meeting August 13, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Holland.