

Trinity Community Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Agenda
June 18, 2017

Attendance:

Bob Culbert, Gina Gaudet, Carol Clark, Rosemary Thorne, Greg May, Louise Cassidy
Absent: Robin Holland

12:45pm

Bob gave a brief **Treasurer's report**. The first five months of the year we have had a loss of \$4,600.00. If we subtract the \$5,000.00 funds earmarked for the Summer Music camp, we have \$47,000.00 dollars left in the CD (the last of the \$100,000.00 bequest). We should probably not consider any major projects for this year. We really need to think about what we are going to do to sustain the church and it's operations.

Bob also asked that we consider an outdoor bulletin board so that posters are not "taped" to the glass window all the time.

Bob had to leave early.

1:00 pm Call to Order and Opening Prayer - Greg (thank you)

Approval Minutes of April 23, 2017

Gina moved and Rosemary seconded to accept the minutes. Carol has requested the minutes be sent to her again as she was not able to open them.

Building & Grounds Report

Leaking toilet in sanctuary - Louise has contacted Chuck Nading to repair. If he is not able to do it, Greg said he will look at it.

Refinishing Front Door and Side Rails - Louise to purchase marine varnish at Nielson's and leave in sanctuary for Greg to use. Greg will contact Nancy and ask for her advise on how best to refinish the doors and railings. Carol has offered to help Greg if she is available.

Trees - Carol has had five different people look at the trees and provide their opinion. It is the consensus of all that the trees are healthy. They lean but grow straight. There is no concern that they will fall or cause issue. It is recommended that no action be taken at this time.

On Going Business

Website & Brochure - Louise to check if meeting date has been set between Lucy & Darrell.

Summer Music Camp - Natasha and Lucy were not available to meet today. As far as we know, there is no budget at this time. It is not known if any funds have been leftover in the past to help support the church. Louise to look back in the records to see income and

expenses for this event. It was suggested that maybe in the future attendees pay a registration fee for using the facilities. It was also mentioned that we do not stay in touch with attendees and their families after this event. We should get their contact information and include them in our future announcements (same for concert attendees).

New Business

Louise - **Vanco Payment Solutions** - The account has been set up but the finer details have not been ironed out yet. Louise will gather all information and report back.

Outside Bulletin Board - It was discussed further and decided that there are not enough funds to purchase a board at this time. It was recommended that removable sticky dots be used to place posters on the glass. Louise to purchase.

Use of Community Room - Gina has asked if the room could be used by an organization as a weekend retreat. This would involve a Thursday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday commitment. We would have to have after service social time in the sanctuary like in the old days. It was also mentioned that the attendees would need accommodations by being billeted by community members or the barge at the marina (Carol to check on this). The fee paid by the attendees would cover all costs (room & board). We would need to come up with a rental fee and agreement. Gina will go back to organization with offer and see if they are interested.

Income from Concerts - Carol mentioned that relying on donations for concerts does not give us a good basis for budgeting expenses and income. She suggested that tickets be sold ahead of time to help with this, say US\$10.00 CAD \$15.00. Not that much to ask for. In the case of the Choir concert the night before which was standing room only (yeah!) it would have helped to know how much money was available for the budget. Carol also requested that more people support Dorothy and Lucy with refreshment set up and food contributions so the burden is not just on them. Carol would like council to set up a brain storming session with Lucy/Natash/Dorothy on how we can best assist them with their ministry of fundraiser's in this beautiful place.

Fundraisers - We have so many gifted musicians' in our congregation and the community (Craig Jack, Jonathan Quick, Scott Hackelman, Julian Neufeld etc.). We should look at concerts that feature others. We should also fundraise for other organizations like Home Grown Co-op or The Food Bank to show that we are part of this community not just takers. Guest Speaker night was a success in the past, maybe we could do that again. The Tiny Ted talks at the community center next week would be a good place to see potential participants.

It was suggested that we have a general community meeting about fundraising to see how many volunteers would be available to do this work.

It was mentioned that we need to be PART of this community, more then just a church. Maybe some Sunday we have a "lay person" service or a guest that is from another liturgical faith. What do people want from this spiritual place?

Carol reminded us that this building was purposely built on this spot. This is a nurturing place

and a healing place. We need to encourage more people to use the space for celebrations of life, family reunions, birthday party's, baby showers, etc. We are here to be a service to the community that God is in everything we do not just in the words we speak on Sunday.

Adjourned 2:15 pm