

Trinity Community Lutheran Church

Congregational Council Meeting

October 16, 2016

All council members present: Gina Gaudet, Curt Bush, Rosemary Thorne, Louise Cassidy, Jacob Berger, Bob Culbert, Robin Holland

Call to Order and Opening Prayer – Jacob

Approval of Minutes of the September 11, 2016 meeting – moved Robin, seconded Jacob

Treasurer's Report/Quarterly Results – Curt

Loss of \$2435 last month; total income for Sept was \$3597. Louise has transferred \$3000 from Money Market to chequing account. \$51000 left in Money Market.

Insurance policy renewal will cost \$2753 for one year (Nov to Oct).

Bank account signers are now Lucy, Curt and Andy. Louise and Dorothy still need to be added as signers. Louise and Curt plan to meet on Wed to go over financials.

Building and Grounds – Bob

Narthex – Refinished old door rather than purchase new door. Bob will get a mat to cover the floor rather than refinishing the floor at present.

Grounds maintenance – Bob will put out a notice of accepting bids for lawn mowing. Bob takes 3 – 4 containers of branches etc to the dump weekly when he is here. We will organize a work bee in spring for pruning and general tidying up.

Fridge – our fridge continues to malfunction and we need to replace it.

Carpet cleaning – carpet on stairs and in upstairs room need cleaning, as well as carpet in entrance to sanctuary. Louise will look into cost of this.

Small Organ – this belongs to Craig and he will look for a new home for it because it takes up too much space in the music room. Smaller instruments can be stored on shelves but we don't have storage space for the organ and it is not being used.

Emergency Shelter – outdated food was replaced by Curt on Thursday. Generator turns itself on automatically once a month and will come on automatically if/when power goes out.

Memorial Board – we need to add names, including Betty Henderson, Ron Calder, and Heidi's father.

Ongoing Business

Fund raising committee – Jacob is our chairperson. He will organize a meeting with interested people.

Re-gifting Sale – Sat Nov 26. Promote it as an alternative to Black Friday/mega malls. We will announce the sale next Sunday and begin to gather items for sale on the following Sunday. At the last sale, people wanted to tour the church and find out about its history, but we need volunteers to do that, as well as volunteers to set up, sell and clean up. Plan to sell hot dogs, mulled cider, and a bake sale. Possibly music. Jacob will write up an announcement and email it to Gina so that she can include it in the APB column, which is due on Friday.

Social and Print Media Committee – postponed till next meeting due to lack of time

Healing Touch – Gina will bring her massage table and do Healing Touch in the PREP room after worship on the third Sunday of each month.

New Business

Supporting congregation members when seriously ill – Erica has given us ongoing support through mowing the church lawns for years. Council agrees that we will give her \$200 for gas for her treatments in Bellingham.

Speakers Nights – we plan to ask various people to share their lives, with coffee afterwards, and donation boxes available. If there are people with well-known names, then we could possibly do a dinner as well. In the past, dinner with speaker has been a good fund raiser.

Adjourned at 2:00

Next meeting Sunday November 13, 2016