

TLC Church Council Meeting

Transfiguration Lutheran Church

April 8, 2018

Attendees:

Council: Evan Collins, Dick Haugen, Carol Hill, Gary Lewis, Beth Mercer, Jerry Olson, Laurel Riippa, Zac Schnedler, Patricia Weichselbaum

Staff: Pastor Arthur Murray

Regrets: Pastor Ed Treat

Devotion: Patricia Weichselbaum

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Beth Mercer at 12:28 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Four items were added to the agenda under new business:
Sending thank you notes to those who contributed to special gifts
Discussion of meeting with confirmands to discuss faith statements April 24
Discussion of pastoral roles and responsibilities (discussed as part of Pastor Arthur's report)
Adjustment of council meeting dates/times

Motion by Gary Lewis and second by Evan Collins to approve the agenda with the additional items. Motion carried and approved.

Review and Approval of Minutes of March 13 2018: Carol Hill. Motion by Gary Lewis and second by Jerry Olson to approve the minutes. Motion carried and approved.

Review and Approval of March 2018 Financial Report: Jerry Olson

- General fund receipts for March totaled \$108, 654. Net income for the month totaled \$30,421. The budget, receipts, and disbursements continue to be on track. Benevolence payments are now being made quarterly in accordance with the 2018 budget. No utilities payment was made in March. Laurel Riippa suggested that utilities be paid each month; Jerry Olson will talk with Sue Brickley and Sarah Lanier.
- Capital Campaign. Receipts in March totaled \$32,799; expenditures totaled \$25,996. A meeting is scheduled for April 16 to correlate the two data bases.
- Two editorial changes were suggested in the copy of the March report which will be posted to the web.

Motion by Laurel Riippa and second by Dick Haugen to approve the March 2018 Financial Report. Motion carried and approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Arthur Murray

- Much gratitude for my parental leave to Ed, the Church Council and congregation
- Good to be back
- Really excited about all the good things that have happened in my absence
 - RIC Sunday
 - Guest preachers: Melissa Melnick and Tom Olson
 - Ben Cherland's competent leadership through a very challenging time of year and Evan Collins' support of youth ministry

- Solid group for National Youth Gathering
- Renee's follow-through on the Small Group Ministry kick-off and Ministry Fair
- Erin Pommeranz and Bob Riley's leadership of Stephen Ministry prep—and Ed's willingness to step into the lead pastor role for that ministry
- Jeanine Brown's leadership of the Strategic Planning Team
- Jeanine Brown's leadership of Animal Assisted Ministry
- Erin Pommeranz' leadership of the Young Mom's group
- Jim Sorum's leadership of New Immigrant Support group—housing for Thomas family
- Rob Reid stepping into pastoral leadership
- Louise Olson's continued maintenance of the TLC Facebook page. Adding some new voices. New recruit in Becky Strohmeier.
- Michelle, Sarah and Marilyn playing crucial roles in office administration
- Since returning
 - Holy Week
 - Beautiful, meaningful worship
 - Attendance lower on Easter—but not if we count online attendance
 - Making a decision about how and when to count online attendance?
 - Many thanks to all musicians and staff
- On the horizon
 - Very grateful for Erin, Bob, and Ed going for Stephen Ministry training this week
 - All staff planning retreat scheduled for May
 - Confirmation Sunday, May 6
 - Faith Statement interviews, April 24, 6-8 pm
 - CCL Liberia forming as a 501c3
 - Irene Amon need continuing
- New business
 - Discussion of pastoral roles and responsibilities dovetailing with Strategic Planning in the coming weeks—who should be involved?

Council discussion of two items in Pastor Arthur's report:

- Counting online attendance: Zac Schnedler and Evan Collins expressed interest in being part of the conversation. Brad Nolte and Pastor Ed would be involved. Further discussion tabled.
- Pastors' roles: discussion about working with the Mutual Ministry Team as part of the Strategic Plan to look at roles and responsibilities and how the pastors complement each other. Others who might be interested in working on this could contact Pastor Ed or Pastor Arthur.

Old Business

- Strategic Plan. Group meets every other week. The brochure will be ready in May. Teams will be forming this summer with a Fall kickoff. The committee is forming plans and creating templates.
- Addiction and Faith Conference—discussion about TLC financial support tabled at last meeting. Consensus to refer the request for financial support to the Addiction Awareness Team. Zach Schnedler is council liaison and will take to the team. The Addiction Awareness Team may in turn request support through the Mission and Outreach Team which determines benevolence.

New Business

- Dick Haugen reminded council members that we had agreed to sign and send thank-you cards to all who contributed special gifts in January. Beth Mercer will work with Sarah to

determine who should receive the thank-you cards. Council members will sign at the next meeting.

- Confirmands Faith Statements April 24. The following council members agreed to meet with confirmands to hear and react to their faith statements: Dick Haugen, Zac Schnedler, Laurel Riippa, Patti Weichselbaum, Jerry Olson, Carol Hill and Evan Collins. Evan will give our names to Ben Cherland who will send out a schedule.
- Future council meeting dates will be Wednesdays at 7 pm on the following dates:
 - May 16
 - June 13
 - July 11
 - August 8

This Fall meetings will be on Sundays following the 11 a.m. service.

Next Meeting: May 16 at 7 pm

Dinner and Devotion: Zac Schnedler

Closing Prayer: Beth Mercer led the council in a closing prayer.

Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Evan Collins and second by Gary Lewis. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 2 pm.