**Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date 12/14/2021**

**Call to order:** Pres. Brandon Rusche called the meeting of TELC council to order at 7:00 pm.

**Roll Call:** Brandon Rusche, Sharon Gradert, Sandy Olson, Sheryl Peters, John French, Paul Hensch, Luci Ferrin, Adam Henning, Luc Johnson, Steve Onken, Brenda Rosenberg, Arlene Kuehl, and Pastor Nappe.

**Devotions and Prayer:** Pastor led devotions reading from John 1, the Christmas mystery. He followed with prayer.

**Pastor’s Report:**

Sunday Worship Service in November:

\*November 7, Communion at the Rail, Attendance – 86

\*November 14, Pulpit Supply-Keith Zylstra, Attendance -63

\*November 21, Continuous Communion, Attendance – 68

\*November 28, Special Thanksgiving Offering, Attendance – 66

Visitation:

No nursing home services this month

Visited 2 in their homes

Wed. Morning coffee at the Lantern several times

Completed Premarital Counseling with Jill Berkland and Kraig Boernsen on Nov. 8

Met with the Gene Philiph family for funeral plans at Jurrens Funeral Home

\*Tuesday night Bible Study and Adult Sunday School continues

\*Other meetings: Executive Committee Prep on Oct. 2

Church Council on Oct. 9

OCMA on Oct. 10

Confirmation and Youth Group

Gene Philiph Funeral held on Nov. 15th

Helped decorate the church for Christmas on Nov. 27th

Wrote and sent letter on Nov. 16th, to 35-40 families that we have not seen for a while.

So far – 1 response.

Wrote, printed, and sent a Brochure for Trinity Lutheran Church

Upcoming Activities and Possibilities:

\*December 24th, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:30 PM

\*New Member Sunday on January 2nd,

Kelby & Sarah Jensen

Robi & Sandy Brose

Ashly & Adam Genshorck

Other possibilities

Future Consideration or Possible Ideas:

Men’s, Women’s, Couples group or Bible Study

Prayer Group

Missions Group

Any other ideas or suggestions?

Schedule for upcoming Sundays (updated 12-14-21)

\*Dec 19th, 4th Sunday of Advent, Continuous Communion

\*Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Continuous Communion

\*Dec. 26th, 1st Sunday of Christmas

\*Jan. 2nd, 2nd Sunday of Christmas, Communion at the rail, New Member Sunday

\*Jan. 9th, Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

\*Jan. 16th, 2nd Sunday of Epiphany, Continuous Communion,

Congregational Annual Meeting after Worship

\*Jan. 23rd, 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

\*Jan. 30th, 4th Sunday of Epiphany

\*Feb. 6th, 5th Sunday of Epiphany, Communion at the rail

\*Feb. 13th, 6th Sunday of Epiphany

\*Feb. 20th, 7th Sunday of Epiphany

\*Feb. 27th, Transfiguration of Our Lord

\*Mar. 2nd, Ash Wednesday, Communion at the rail & Imposition of Ashes

\*Mar. 6th, 1st Sunday of Lent, Communion at the rail

\*Mar. 9th, Lenten Service, Dramatic Portrayal

\*Mar. 13th, 2nd Sunday of Lent

\*Mar. 16th, Lenten Service, Dramatic Portrayal

\*Mar. 20th, 3rd Sunday of Lent, Continuous Communion

\*Mar. 23rd, Lenten Service, Dramatic Portrayal

\*Mar. 27th 4th Sunday of Lent

\*Mar. 30th, Lenten Service, Dramatic Portrayal

\*Apr. 3rd, 5th Sunday of Lent, Communion at the rail

\*Apr. 6th, Lenten Service, Dramatic Portrayal

\*Apr. 10th, Palm Sunday

\*Apr. 14th, Maundy Thursday, Communion, Seder Supper

\*Apr. 15th, Good Friday, Community Passion Play

\*Apr. 17th, Easter Sunday, Sunrise service? Continuous Communion

Pastor circulated copies of the LCMC Annual Report. In 2022 each church is assigned a sister church and ours is Zion Lutheran church in Des Moines, IA. They are much different than us as they have a large membership of other nationalities. Please pray for Zion Lutheran.

**Additions to the Agenda:**

Add Buckets of Bucks to Nosy Offering under New Business.

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by Luci and seconded by Sheryl to approve the minutes. All voted Aye.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

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| Checking Balance | 48,334.77 |
| Folker’s Endowment | 1,376.42 |
| Parsonage | 108.56 |
| Building Fund | 18,445.62 |
| Security Cameras | 365.00 |
| Furnace | 8,722.67 |
| SE Entry Repair | 9,038.95 |
| Emergency | 16,400.00 |
| Sunday School | 1,309.82 |
| Line of Credit | 0.00 |

A bill from Amazon is being investigated as who made it and what for.

Pastor submitted his mileage bill. It exceeds the amount budgeted. Half of the bill was for his commute from Milford before moving into the parsonage.

Motion by Adam and seconded by Brenda to approve the report. All vote aye.

**Committees:**

**Worship:** There will be some changes to the service makeup after January 1st.

**Christian Ed:** There were only 5 youth who showed up for the ugly sweater party and none for the shop for Christmas for our adopted families. How do we get more to participate?

**Stewardship/Evangelism:** The letter about not having seen some of our members was sent and one response was received.

**Building and Property:** Some future and long-range projects were mentioned: parking lot, gutters and down spouts, social hall lighting is obsolete, pews need some tightening, widen the cement drive to the kitchen and Steve would like to continue doing the mowing. There was no report on the bell tower.

**Execs:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

The constitution vote will take place at the annual meeting. We will use ballots. Only typing errors can be changed at this time.

The nominating committee has had very poor response to serving on the council and endowment committee.

New Member Sunday is Jan. 2, 2022. Sharon will order donuts for coffee fellowship.

Annual Meeting is Jan. 16, 2022. Council will serve dinner and be responsible for the sandwiches and the congregation will be asked to bring salads and desserts. We will discuss details at our January council meeting.

**New Business:**

The executive committee had put some numbers together for the 2022 budget. Comments and changes were made. Pastor has chosen to use the LCMC insurance plan, and the check must come from the church. The cost is $1,250 per month. We will discuss how this will be incorporated into his salary next month. A motion was made by Luc and seconded by Adam to approve the budget. All vote aye.

John had made a drone view of the entryway roof and had some questions about proper installation, leakage, or condensation issues. The repair will take place in 2022.

The noisy offering has been poor and questioned if it should be stopped. We felt it would be better giving if the buckets were passed again and if we should use two months giving instead of just one. A motion was made by Arlene to start passing the offering plates and the noisy offering starting January 1st, 2022. The Bucket of Bucks will still be the first Sunday of the month by the children with the money going to Atlas quarterly. January/February noisy offering will go to Camp Scholarships. Motion was seconded by Sharon, and all voted aye.

After the member loans for the building fund are paid, where will we put our efforts? It was suggested that we have a wish list as there are more things that need to be done like the parking lot, sound system and other building concerns. A wish list would be good for families asking where they could direct memorials to go to upon a loved one’s death.

As discussed earlier in the meeting, pastor’s mileage exceeded the budget amount. A motion was made by Arlene and seconded by Paul to pay the mileage bill for $5,426.96 in full. All voted aye.

Amotion was made by Adam and seconded by Sharon to accept those desiring to become members of Trinity. All voted aye.

**Dates to Remember:**

Council Prep Meeting, Jan. 4th at 7 PM

Council Meeting Jan. 11th at 7 PM

Christmas Eve Service December 24th at 5:30 PM

New Member Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022

Treats/Teller/Communion for January: Adam Henniing

Motion was made by Sheryl and seconded by Luci to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Kuehl, secretary