

Minutes Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

January 25, 2021 via Zoom

Call to Order 7:00 pm - Tim Dittberner, acting President

Quorum declared - Present : Hemann, Dittberner, Mackenthun, Hanson-Busch, Hauck, Walser, Schoenecker, Smithson, Newman, Pastor Ben, Pastor Alicia

Approval of Agenda: motion by Hemann, second Mackenthun, motion passed

Devotions and Opening Prayer: Tim

Introductions- all members introduced themselves. Welcome new council members for 3 year terms: Chris Hauck, Michelle Newman and Mark Walser

Election of officers

Nominations: Tim Dittberner, President,
Jackie Mackenthun, Vice President
Jesse Hemann, Treasurer
Mary Hanson-Busch, Secretary

Motion to approve Mary Hanson-Busch as secretary by Hemann, second Walser

Motion to approve Jesse Hemann as treasurer by Mackenthun, second Smithson

Motion to approve Jackie Mackenthun as Vice President by Smithson, second by Hauck

Motion to approve Tim Dittberner as President by Hemann, second Smithson

All motions passed on voice vote, all positions elected as nominated above to the executive team for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Council

Consent Agenda:

- Approval of December Minutes
- Approval of dishwasher purchase

Motion to approve consent agenda by Walser, second Mackenthun, motion passed

Treasurer's report

Reviewed end of year combining balance sheet. 25 drive match funds added to STD fund. Jesse reviewed the Balance Sheet funds we monitor each month for new members to review.

We are waiting for the PPP loan forgiveness notice, expected soon.

Operating statement review - revenue and expenses down as was trending through 2020. About \$70000 below budget for revenues but most offset by lower expenses. We did not use 25 Drive dollars to offset any losses - the full amount is available for the budget this year.

Pastor Alicia Report

- Endowment Team met to review applications and presented request to grant funds as below
 1. Changing Gaits Horse Ministry \$1000
 2. HTLC Worship Broadcast on Fox 9 + broadcast sponsorship \$800
 3. Bethlehem Lutheran church meals program in New Orleans \$1000

Move by Hanson-Busch to approved grants as presented, second by Jesse - motion passed

- Mission Outreach Team provides Support for MPLS Area Synod, as part of their budgeted giving. Amounts are determined each year by council

Motion by Hemann - continue the Synod Mission Outreach donation as a 6% increase over last years giving amount which would be \$ 23500, second by Schoenecker- motion passed

Pastor Ben Report

- Reviewed his report highlighting a donation toward a new sign, and plan to seek background information for any project will be led by Mark Walser.
- Online worship plan to expand to television with an opportunity to share a rotational spot with other churches on FOX 9+ on Sundays.
- Lenten devotional preparation and plans for Lent are continuing

New Business

- COVID update - Pastor Alicia shared regarding the Risk management team - FAITH and FACTS is how we approach our decisions each month. Meeting with the MDH and other leaders to learn the current updates. Recommend staying the course with online/radio/tv/worship (phase 2) allowing time for vaccines to be administered waiting for a hybrid experience to develop over time as the new space in the building is completed and live stream technology is ready for use.
- Luther Seminary Cohort- Congregations in a Secular Age Program that Luther Seminary is offering and invited our church to participate. The program focus is faith formation through experimentation, research and reflection. Individual, small group and congregational participation is included. It's a multi year commitment with an investment of approximately \$2000 in cost for participation.

Old Business

- Construction - ceiling in fellowship hall is completed. A tour of the addition happened recently online. Final touches expected over the next weeks. Staff will stagger moving into the space as able. Bathrooms are making progress and expected to be done this first quarter of the year.
- Christmas Reflections - council reviewed and commented on reflections from the Christmas service

Closing Prayer Mary

Motion to adjourn 7:52 pm by Hemann, second Mackenthun - motion passed

Next meeting February 15, 2021, 6:30 pm - Zoom meeting