



## **Council Meeting Minutes: December 12, 2023**

**Core Values:** Community, Faith, Family, Spirituality, Love

**Vision:** Trinity Lutheran Church is:

A welcoming community

A faith-filled community

A community that values spirituality

A community of love and hospitality

A FAMILY

**Mission:** Encourage. Inspire. Serve.

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by President Brent Petersen.

**Members Present:** Amanda McKnelly, Richard Holland, Ben Burrack, Brooke Boots, Laura Stewart, Dave Heibult, Taylor Johanneson, Maria Campbell.

Via Zoom: Margaret Larsen.

Guest Members to be sworn in at annual meeting: Carrie Johnson, Kendra Oberle and via zoom Sara Hilmoe.

**Staff Present:** Pastor Tom, Deacon Christie Meier

**Members Absent:** Jeremy Brech

**Check in:** Best two memories or accomplishments of 2023. Next month something you are set to accomplish in 2024.

**Devotions:** Taylor Johanneson

**Secretary's Report:** A motion to approve the November minutes was made by Dave Heibult and seconded by Taylor Johanneson. Motion Passed

**Treasurer's Report:** Balances as of, November 30, 2023:

General Fund: \$28,405

Improvement Fund: \$54,884

Rental House: \$13,403

Central Bank Mortgage: \$16,741

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report was made by Dave Heibult, seconded by Maria Campbell. Motion passed.

**Council Visibility:** Will look to all attend the annual meeting in January.

### **Old Business:**

1. Gift Policy and Mission Endowment Fund Bylaws
  - a. A motion to approve the gift policy was made by Maria Campbell. A second by Margaret Larsen. There was discussion prior to voting.
    - i. Maria Campbell made a recommendation to change the language in Section III. c Marketable Securities to read "All Marketable securities may be sold upon receipt." A second was made by Margaret Larsen. Motion Passed.
    - ii. A motion was made by Maria Campbell to approve the amended gift policy and a second by Margaret Larsen. The Amended Motion Passed.

- b. Council reviewed the Mission Endowment Fund Bylaws and would like to see the percentage changes in section C05.05.10 change to 60% placed into the Mission Endowment Fund, 10% for benevolence and 30% to Congregation Council.
          - i. Maria Campbell made a motion for the council to recommend to the congregation to approve the changes in the Mission Endowment Fund Bylaws. Brooke Boots made a second. Motion Passed.
2. 2024 Budget Proposal
  - a. Budget 2024 was reviewed and Margaret will make some changes and will get some numbers back to Council. Council will meet via zoom as soon as Margaret has the numbers together.
3. Nominating Committee Update
  - a. Still in need of one more person. There were a few more names shared that Council will ask this week.

### **New Business:**

1. Benevolence Committee Update
  - a. Council reviewed and thought it all looked appropriate.
2. Set Annual Meeting Date
  - a. January 28th at 11:45am
3. Set Budget Quorum Date-
  - a. January 14th at 9:15am
4. Set date for Year end council party
  - a. January 14th at 4pm at Deacon Christie's house. Bring appetizers

### **Ministry Staff Reports:**

1. Pastor Tom-Report Attached
2. Deacon Christie-Report Attached

### **Board Reports:**

1. Board of Property-Dave
  - a. Nativity scene was put up.
  - b. The door was repaired at the rental house.
2. Board of Education-Brooke
  - a. The Christmas Program went well. Thrivent gift card helped replace half of the costumes and they will focus on replacing the other half for next year.
  - b. Sunday school attendance is still strong.
  - c. Looking to do a service project in the spring.
3. Board of Outreach-Richard
  - a. Good inventory of coats and winter gear.
  - b. Care packages went out to the college students
  - c. New orientation tentatively scheduled for February 2024.
4. Board of Stewardship-Ben
  - a. Matching contribution is going well.
  - b. Venmo is going well and people are using it.
  - c. Financial Peace will be in January and the sign up will come out at the end of the week.
5. Board of Worship & Music-Jeremy
  - a. No new update
6. Board of Youth & Family-Laura

- a. Looking at Chili Bingo date
- b. Youth Report-Taylor
  - i. Date Night Daycare went well. Good Youth Attendance continues.

**Closing Discussions:** NA

**Next Month Devotions:** Ben Burrak

**Next Month Executive Committee Meeting:** January 2nd at 7pm via zoom.

**Next Month Council Meeting:** January 9th at 7pm.

**Closing Prayer and Adjournment:** President Brent Petersen closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by: Amanda McKnelly