

TLC Church Council Meeting
Transfiguration Lutheran Church
March 21, 2017

Attendees:

Council: Jim Stooke, Carol Hill, Sandy Mullen, Beth Mercer, Laurel Riippa, Jerry Olson, Dick Haugen, Kim Smits

Staff: Pastor Ed Treat, Pastor Arthur Murray

Regrets: Gary Lewis

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m. with quorum

Devotions: Dick Haugen

Review and Approval of February 2017 Meeting Minutes: Kim Smits

A motion was made by Sandy Mullen to accept the February 2017 Meeting Minutes which was seconded by Carol Hill. The motion was carried and approved.

Personnel: Dick Haugen

- Sue Brickley has offered to stay on for a minimum 6 months, possibly until the end of 2017, instead of hiring a part time bookkeeper at this time.
- Molly Schuh has offered to help with entering data in Servant Keeper with guidance from Sarah Lanier
- Sarah will continue with current responsibilities; Michelle will process payroll.
- Both Sarah and Michelle will work closely with Sue to learn procedures and best practices for financial transactions and documentation.
- Personnel committee recommends hiring Ben Cherland as full time Youth & Family Minister by fall
 - Pastor Ed and Pastor Arthur will further consider timing and report at next council meeting

Review and Approval of February 2017 Financial Report: Jerry Olson

- Expenses are 16% of budget, receipts are 15% of budget
- Income for the first two months of 2017 is similar to 2016 without last year's special appeal
- Total expenses are higher this year due to maintenance (boiler repair and snow removal)
- The checking account balance is \$13,500. The cost of the capital campaign will drain this account in March.
- Pastor Ed recommends a bridge loan for \$83,000 until funds from the Capital Campaign are available for repayment
 - Discussion of whether this should be a request to the Foundation to save the interest vs. a line of credit with Thrivent.
 - Agreement to research all available options
 - A motion was made by Dick Haugen to authorize a bridge loan which was seconded by Laurel Riippa. The motion was carried and approved.

A motion was made by Laurel Riippa to accept the February 2017 Financial Report which was seconded by Beth Mercer. The motion was carried and approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ed Treat

- Capital Campaign kick-off April 2nd includes potluck meal and entertainment
- Lenten sermon series with Bloomington pastors
- Live streaming to about 30 people during three worship services on Sunday
- 75-100 people have viewed services
- Pastor Ed and Pastor Arthur are developing a Lutherans in Recovery board
- Two funerals
- Replaced signatory on bank account, now Bob Riley
- 27 people to Germany, two movie nights of preparation, tickets have arrived

Capital Campaign Update: Andy Bygden

- Folder on the website with Capital Campaign updates
- Publicity team has produced a viewbook that will be used on in-home visits

- Capital Campaign is 2 weeks behind schedule; good chance to catch up by April 2nd in Patterned Gift phase
- Visitor training will take 90 minutes; visits will be in pairs
- To date we have raised \$108,700 with six pledges

Council Member Visits: Jim Stooke

- Jim and Sandy Stooke will be meeting with council members regarding the Capital Campaign

Adjourned: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sandy Mullen and seconded by Beth Mercer. The motion was carried and approved at 7:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2017. April meeting cancelled due to scheduling conflicts during Holy Week.
Dinner: Laurel Ripppa
Devotion: Jim Stooke