

TLC Church Council Meeting

Transfiguration Lutheran Church

August 8, 2018

Attendees:

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

Staff: Pastor Ed Treat

Regrets: Gary Lewis, Pastor Arthur Murray, Patricia Weichselbaum

Devotion: Zac Schnedler

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Beth Mercer at 7:12 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Dick Haugen and second by Laurel Riippa to approve the agenda. Motion carried and approved.

Review and approval of minutes of June 13, 2018: Carol Hill. Motion by Jerry Olson and second by Zac Schnedler to approve the minutes. Motion carried and approved.

Review and approval of July 2018 Financial Report: Jerry Olson.

- General Fund receipts for July 2018 totaled \$73, 997. Total Disbursements totaled \$81,570. The second quarter benevolences were paid in July which resulted in a cash flow deficit of \$7573. TLC is now up to date with those payments. Overall disbursements to date in 2018 are right on budget.
- Capital Campaign receipts for July totaled \$44, 601. Capital Campaign expenditures totaled \$17,916, leaving a net income of \$26,685.
- Jerry Olson asked that council members email any suggested changes to the report he will submit to the September Transcripts.

Motion by Laurel Riippa and second by Evan Collins to approve the July 2018 Financial Report. Motion carried and approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ed Treat

- We are putting a lot of energy into the TLC Celebrates coming this Wednesday. I hope all come and wear your badges.
- Lots of outings this summer, canoe trips and a large number heading up to family camp,
- Planning continues for the upcoming year including Rally Sunday, stewardship, strategic planning, Sunday School, confirmation, all the standard fall start-up concerns.
- Keynote speaker at a men's retreat in Michigan.
- Held a new member dinner and received 11 new members.
- Working continues with Bob Riley and Erin Pommeranz on Stephen Ministry. Training begins 2019.
- Small group ministries are continuing to develop and expand under Arthur and Renee's leadership.
- Stewardship has been meeting since March, adding members and exploring creative options. Now currently working on the Fall campaign and many other things as well.
- Pastoral care is ongoing.

- My book is being well-received. Just broke the 50,000 on Amazon top seller list. 47,000th out of 8 million. That's in the top 1 percent. . .but not as great as you might think. That number grows and shrinks. . . and doesn't take many sales to make it grow.
- Jeanine Brown continues to do outstanding work with the strategic planning process. Implementation and training us underway and teams are being formed.
- Arthur and I continue to work together with a clergy coach and are doing some long-range planning together along with some TLC leaders to think through potential leadership scenarios to complement the strategic plan.
- One funeral.
- One wedding and one this Saturday. Arthur had one wedding—Gary Lewis, congratulations!!
- One baptism.
- Continuing to develop the conference for opioid addiction for the fall along with Arthur and many other pastors, members and community leaders. We have 160+ registrations so far and counting. Very ecumenical and national.
- Still recovering fro surgery. Long slow process
- Enjoyed some very special time away with my family. Thank you for making that possible.

Old Business: None

New Business

- Signage: Jim Sorum met with the Council to announce he is retiring from keeping the TLC sign up to date effective after Rally Day in September. He has been doing this for 15-20 years. Lengthy discussion followed concerning pros and cons of replacing sign with a digital sign. The consensus of the Council is listed below:
 1. no need to change the sign at the present time
 2. refer possibility of changing sign in the future to the Strategic Planning Committee
 3. advertise for a person to take over keeping the current sign up to date. Beth Mercer will send out an announcement.
- Concern expressed by several council members regarding the decrease in children enrolled in Sunday School and confirmation classes. It was agreed that Beth Mercer would invite Ben Cherland and Renee Jefferson to our September meeting to discuss what are the issues and how the Council might help.
- Ongoing council meeting schedule: It was agreed to return to the 2nd Tuesday of the month in September with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: September 11, 2018

Devotions: Evan Collins

Meal: Carol Hill

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

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Dick Haugen with second by Laurel Riippa to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.