

**TLC Church Council Meeting**  
**Transfiguration Lutheran Church**  
February 13, 2018

**Attendees:**

Council: Evan Collins, Dick Haugen, Carol Hill, Gary Lewis, Beth Mercer, Jerry Olson, Laurel Riippa, Zac Schnedler, Patricia Weichselbaum  
Staff: Pastor Ed Treat

**Devotion:** Laurel Riippa

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Beth Mercer at 6:39 pm

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Gary Lewis, second by Laurel Riippa to approve the agenda. Motion carried and approved.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** Carol Hill

January 9, 2018: Motion by Dick Haugen, second by Gary Lewis, to approve the minutes. Motion carried and approved.

January 28, 2018: Motion by Gary Lewis, second by Zac Schnedler, to approve the minutes. Motion carried and approved.

**Review and Approval of January 2018 Financial Report:** Jerry Olson

- General Fund receipts for January totaled \$77,052. Net income for the month shows a deficit of \$785 which is a result of payment of both the December 2017 and the January 2018 utilities bills in the month of January for a total of \$9,096.

Pastor Ed suggested that for the March council meeting, Jerry Olson present an overview of the budget to assist council members knowing on what aspects to focus.

- Capital Campaign: Jerry Olson also reported that 74 pledges were not paid up in 2017 for a total of \$81,000. Overpayments totaled \$73,000. For 2017 Capital Campaign receipts, there is a discrepancy between the financial report (\$291,000) and the data base (\$259,000) for a difference of \$32,000. He is following up.

Motion by Laurel Riippa and Patti Weichselbaum to approve the January 2018 Financial Report. Motion carried and approved.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Ed Treat

- Lots of finance meetings. Proud of this council and its leadership.
- Great annual meeting.
- Worked with Arthur to cover as much as possible in his absence.
- Arthur is doing a great job with small group re-ignite.
- Confirmation students are on retreat this week at Gustavus.
- Lent planning complete.
- Trip to Israel amazing, thank you.
- One baptism.
- Three funerals, one pending.
- We added 29 new members to our Fellowship.
- Working with Evan Collins, grateful for his help.
- Grateful for Diane Lehman and the great job she is doing with funerals and weddings.
- Pastoral care still very active.

- Working conference for opioid addiction conference. See more information under New Business.
- Will be traveling to Seattle for father's birthday
- Will be operating on survival for the next six weeks.

**Old Business:**

- Strategic Plan: Janine Brown has taken Jim Stooke's place. Council members Dick Haugen and Beth Mercer are members of the Strategic Planning Committee. The next committee meeting is scheduled for March. Committee will be working to move Jim Stooke's vision forward.

**New Business:**

- Faith and addiction conference. Pastor Ed shared the plans for this conference which is scheduled for Sept. 28-30, 2018 at the DoubleTree Inn in Bloomington. The conference is targeted for clergy and care providers. Partners include the Fellowship of Recovering Lutheran Clergy, St. Paul Area Synod of ELCA, Minneapolis Area Synod of ELCA, Traverse Consulting and Counseling, and Fairview. More information is available at [www.addictionandfaithconference.com](http://www.addictionandfaithconference.com). Pastor Ed requests that TLC officially sponsor this conference as a ministry of this church. Dick Haugen moved, second by Patti Weichselbaum, that TLC be added to the list of official sponsors. Motion carried and approved.
- TLC Constitution: Pastor Ed distributed copies of the TLC Constitution to orient council members to responsibilities of the council. Sections C12.11 and C12.12 were highlighted.
- Minneapolis Area Synod Spring Tool Kit: workshop for council members scheduled for March 10, 2018 from 9-12 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Beth Mercer distributed a list of the various workshops. We can register for it online, using the email Beth sent out earlier. This meeting is prior to our next council meeting, so Beth will coordinate car-pooling a week or so before the scheduled date for those who are interested.
- Jerry Olson informed council about the ASDIC Undoing Racism Workshop scheduled for March 3-4, 2018 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Several people from TLC are going and there is room for several more. TLC will pay the fee. Jerry will send out an email with more information about the conference. Council members interested in attending should contact Jerry.
- Housekeeping Tasks: Hallway mailboxes need to be updated with current council members' names. Name tags need to be ordered for new council members. Carol Hill will contact Michelle Reber about both.
- Church directory: date when it will be available undetermined at present.

**Next meeting:** March 13, 2018

Dinner: Gary Lewis

Devotion: Jerry Olson

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Ed led the council in a closing prayer

**Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn by Laurel Riippa and seconded by Gary Lewis. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.