

TLC Church Council Meeting

Transfiguration Lutheran Church

June 13, 2018

Attendees:

Council: Dick Haugen, Carol Hill, Gary Lewis, Beth Mercer, Laurel Riippa, Patricia Weichselbaum

Staff: Pastor Ed Treat, Pastor Arthur Murray

Regrets: Evan Collins, Jerry Olson, Zac Schnedler

Devotion: Carol Hill

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

Approval of Agenda: One item was added to the agenda.
Under Old Business: Report on Capital Transition Team meeting

Motion by Dick Haugen and second by Gary Lewis to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion carried and approved.

Review and approval of Minutes of May 16, 2018: Carol Hill. Motion by Dick Haugen and second by Gary Lewis to approve the minutes. Motion carried and approved.

Review and approval of May 2018 Financial Report: The financial report as written by Jerry Olson was distributed by Pastor Ed.

- General Fund receipts for May 2018 totaled \$51,939. Total disbursements totaled \$75,897, resulting in a net loss of \$23,958. The loss reflects the payment of 2018 benevolence payments being made regularly in accordance with the 2018 budget and an increase in benefits, administration and maintenance expenditures in 2018 compared to 2017.

Motion by Laurel Riippa and second by Patricia Weichselbaum to approve the May 2018 Financial Report. Motion carried and approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ed Treat

- Working with Bob Riley and Erin Pommeranz on Stephen Ministry. Training launch date is projected for January. TLC has a new member who started a Stephen Ministry program in another church.
- Small group ministries are continuing to develop and expand under Arthur and Renee's leadership.
- Held a day-long long-range planning event with staff for the coming year.
- Stewardship is working through a book (Not Your Parents' Offering Plate) together, exploring options. The stewardship team meets year around now. Mandate to fix annual budget shortfall problem but keep in mind that there are no magic fixes. We will be exploring other possible income streams but essentially people will need to up their pledges or we will be doing the same thing every annual meeting, ringing the alarm bell and considering cuts or making an additional appeal.
- Pastoral Care ongoing as always, big thanks for Marilyn and Pat...couldn't do without them.

- Jeanine Brown continues to do outstanding work with the strategic planning process. Implementation is happening in a great way.
- Arthur and I continue to work together with a clergy coach and are doing some long-range planning together.
- Funerals are keeping us busy. We've had five since last council meeting, and attended Donna Knilans service at Masonic Home.
- Counseling three couples toward marriage.
- Continuing to develop the conference for opioid addiction for the fall along with Arthur and many other pastors, members and community leaders. We have 55 registrations so far and counting.
- Recovering from surgery. Long, slow process but glad to finally get my arm repaired. Thank you for the prayers and support.

Old Business

- Stewardship Conference: Pastor Arthur. Luther Seminary will host a conference titled "Rethinking Stewardship" July 25-27. Pastor Arthur, Bob Riley and Hildred Dungan will attend.
- New Member Update: Pastor Arthur. New members will be welcomed June 27. There are 6-8 households planning to join. New members and mentors will share a 5 pm dinner and attend worship following the dinner. Beth Mercer volunteered to be a mentor.
- August Block Party: Pastor Arthur. The party is scheduled for August 15 from 5-8. The following teams are working together: Reconciling in Christ which is taking the lead, the Membership Team, Racial Justice Team, and the new Immigration Team. Focus is on diversity. The Block Party will be combined with blessing of the animals. It was suggested that flyers be put out in the neighborhood the previous Sunday and that an announcement be placed in City Pages. Beth Mercer and Patricia Weichselbaum both had suggestions for the event and for funding; they will connect with the RIC team. Expenses will come out of the Ministry Expenses line. After discussion as to various methods of financing, Gary Lewis moved with second by Dick Haugen that the committee be given a budget of \$1000 for the event. Motion carried and approved.
- Capital Transition Team: Dick Haugen. The team had its first meeting since last Fall. Attending were Jerry Olson, Ingrid Swanson, Keith Swanson, Sandy Stooke, Kim Smits, and Dick Haugen. A letter will be sent to each member household approximately the second week in July updating progress for the year (first anniversary of the campaign is coming up). A pledge card will be included which will allow members to pledge if they have not done so before or change their pledge as necessary. The committee plans to send out a letter each summer to summarize what has been accomplished and what remains to be accomplished. Pastor Arthur acknowledged Jerry Olson's work in reconciling the two data bases.

New Business

- Strategic Plan Update. Pastor Arthur reported on the May 20 meeting. Chairpersons have been determined for five of the six teams as follows:

Membership: Bob Hettlinger

Welcoming Diversity: Sandy Mullen

Leadership Development: Deacon Renee Jefferson

Communication: Brian Harrell

Leadership for two teams has not yet been established:

Financial Development: at the recommendation of the clergy coach, Pastor Arthur will lead for the first year. This team is more complex as it will include conversations all persons who deal with finances.

Mission and Outreach: the team is functioning but a permanent leader has not been identified.

Teams will be recruiting members during the summer and will be formed by Fall.

Next Meeting: Wednesday August 8 at 7 pm with meal at 6:30 pm. NOTE: No July meeting.

Devotions: Zac Schnedler

Meal: Dick Haugen

Closing Prayer: Pastor Ed led the Council in a closing prayer.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Dick Haugen and second by Gary Lewis to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.