**Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 2-9-21

**Call to Order:** Brandon called the meeting of the TELC council to order at 7:00 pm.

**Roll Call:** Brandon Rusche, Sharon Gradert, Sandy Olson, Brenda Rosenberg, Luci Ferrin, Adam Henning, Steve Onken, Sheryl Peters, John French, Luc Johnson, Paul Hensch, Arlene Kuehl and Pastor Nappe.

Absent: None

**Devotions/Prayer:** Pastor Nappe led devotions reading from Mark Chapter 9 starting at verse 2.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Motion by Luc and seconded by Steve, minutes were approved.

**Pastor’s Report:**

Pastor thanked the council for the partial payment of his salary even though he was gone to Arizona. His activities at Trinity were limited but he was able to do the following:

* January 13th, he was able to use Facebook Live to hold the services at Country View Manor, Sibley Specialty Care and Heartwood Heights.
* Called and visited with a family who had a family member in the hospital.
* Tuesday night Bible Study on “Believe” was on hold during the month of January. We started again on February 2nd.
* Sunday morning adult Sunday school was also discontinued during the month of January, with plans to begin on February 7th with a video series on the Small Catechism.
* Time was spent in prayer concerning the Annual Meeting, Call Committee, and the future plans for Trinity and Faith Lutheran Churches, as well as his own future plans.
* Confirmation: Held class online four times during January. He thanked Jennifer Rusche for her help in setting up the computer and sitting in on the class. He emailed the handouts to Brandon to run off and pass out. It actually went better than he expected! The kids did a great job!
* Lent: Worked on planning a schedule for the themes and services during Lent and sent a schedule to Corrine to publish in the newsletter.
* Wrote a newsletter article and worship notes for the February newsletter.

**Additions to the Agenda:**

Men’s Lenten Breakfast at TELC on either March 10th or 24th

TELC T-shirt sales

**Committee Reports:**

**Worship:**

* Ash Wednesday will include communion. The number will be limited at a time and we will use plastic cups. Extra servers will be needed. Ashes will be administered at the same time as communion.
* We will continue with communion once a month during this COVID time.
* The trunks from the Christmas trees will be used to make a cross.
* It was recommended that the candle lighters wear robes.

**Christian Education:**

* Bible Camp has asked to speak to the congregation sometime. It was decided to do it March 21st if that works for the camp.
* Pastor mentioned on-line youth events.

**Stewardship:**

Nothing to report.

**Building and Property:**

* The fire alarms at church have been checked by the inspector and all is OK.
* The parsonage still has some work to do, new stools need to be installed, Paul will do the painting that remains.
* Steve Onken will be gone this weekend and arrangements have been made to have the doors opened and later locked by Adam Henning.

**Execs:**

Nothing to report.

Motion was made by Adam and seconded by Sheryl to approve all reports.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

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| Checking Balance | 49,7118.13 |
| Maintenance | 1,107.70 |
| Parsonage | 3,048.18 |
| Building Fund | 13,613.94 |
| Security Cameras | 2,225.00 |
| Furnace | 8,719.19 |
| SE Entry Repair | 9,035.34 |
| Emergency | 7,500.00 |
| Sunday School | 919.29 |
| Line of Credit Borrowed | 0.00 |

**Old Business:**

a. Church Security Cameras: Tom Taylor has looked at getting security cameras and will get an estimate put together. It was decided that the WY FY signal should be expanded.

b. Constitution: nothing more has been done at this time.

c. Call Committee: An ad for a pastor has been posted and has received an application.

d. TV/Projector/Hymnals: discussed options, costs, support staff needs. There is $2,300 in the sound and memorial fund.

e. Suggestion box: it was decided to use the former mailbox and Brandon will announce what the box is for. Sharon offered to take care of it.

f. Parsonage update: John and Paul will work on installing the stools and painting. Others may be asked to assist.

**New Business:**

a. Noisy offering for March will go towards camp scholarships. Luc made the motion and Adam seconded. Motion approved.

b. Easter Breakfast: there will be one service at 8:00 with communion. Breakfast will follow. Sandy will talk with Barb Seivert about planning.

c. World Day of Prayer will be March 5th at 2:00 pm at Trinity. It is hoped more people will participate.

d. Committee Checklists should be reviewed and updated by the council reps. Committees can be expanded by other members along with the council.

e. Job Descriptions have not been updated since 2011. They need to be updated again.

f. Ash Wednesday. Four more people are needed.

g. Spring Service Project: items mentioned were cleaning the bike path or the project at the Senior Center that did not happen because of weather. It was thought Earth Day would be a good time to do it.

h. Lent offerings: to be determined next month. Work on the playground was mentioned. There is $550 in the memorial account.

i. Men’s Lenten Breakfast at TELC will be March 24th at 6:30 am.

j. New members: Faith Lutheran will have their annual meeting on February 21st. There will be a vote to continue or close. If we receive new members, we will have New Member Sunday on March 14th.

**Dates to remember:**

Lenten Services: Feb. 17th – Ash Wednesday, Services Feb. 14th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th – April 1st Maundy Thursday. April 2nd Good Friday, April 4th Easter. Pastor will meet with the Ministerial Association to decide if the Passion Play will take place this year. If it is, it will be different than the past plays.

Treat/Teller/ Communion for March: John French

Adam made the motion to adjourn and Luc seconded. We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.