



CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Present: Gail Olson, Doug Johnson, Tom Olsen (on phone), Mary Claire Olson Potter, Mel Sullivan, Bob Eiselt (on phone), and Pastor Chris Bellefeuille, Pastor Karri Anderson and Pastor Deb Ost
Absent: Arba-Della Beck

Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM by Gail Olson

1. Welcome, devotions –Mary Claire
2. Approve minutes. M/S/P to approve minutes from January 19, 2017 meeting with one amendment of a name spelling.
3. Lead pastor reports/updates:
 - a. Installation – This is scheduled for March 5, 2017 at 2:00 PM and the details are being organized.
 - b. Fundraising – Pastor Chris discussed the recent document she received related to a request to do fundraising for a TLC member. This is not associated with a TLC mission; therefore, it is not a sanctioned event. Pastor Chris will communicate with this individual related to the Council's decision.
 - c. Vacation Bible School (VBS) update – TCL is withdrawing from the relationship with Our Saviors for VBS for this year. There are some broad concerns related to the topic selection and structure of the program. This has been communicated with Our Saviors. TLC will do our own VBS in June.
 - d. The summer worship schedule will be 9:00 AM at the church and 10:00 AM at the drive in. One pastor will preach at both services. The bridge is scheduled to open in August 2017.
 - e. Sabbatical policy – Pastor Chris has done some research related to sabbatical and the standard for other churches in the area. The Council requested a copy of the proposal and will be discussed further at the next meeting.
 - f. Pastor Chris discussed the large church conference, which would be about \$1,000. After research and discussion with other church leaders, there is a significant value to attending this conference. The Council approved this expense.
 - g. Worship of Love or Mission of the Month – Pastor Chris discussed that she would like to initiate a monthly giving opportunity, such a food, school supplies, etc. This keep TLC's commitments present and visible. The would need to be reviewed by the Mission Board to create a proposal prior to approval by the Council. This models stewardship and educational component of the different programs.
 - h. Community Partnership with other churches – The pastoral staff is meeting with other pastors in the community to find ways to build relationships. These conversations will continue about how to elevate the collective work of the church community.

4. Synod Assembly voting member approval – Gail, Mary Claire, Arba-Della, Doug and Michelle Hermansen will be attending the assembly. The Council approved these attendees, but we do have 4 more slots.
5. Finance and Budget:
 - a. Pledge update – Bob and Tom provided an update related to pledges and the income analysis.
 - b. Financial Statements - Council discussed current financials, currently income and expenses.
 - c. Budget updates were provided – The budget and information was reviewed by the Council.
Communication will be provided to the congregation in April related to the status of the budget and income.
 - a. Croix Center roof repair – At the last council meeting, the facilities team had made a recommendation related to the roof repair on the Croix Center. Bob report that the facilities team moved forward from last month.
6. Council retreat follow up:
 - a. Organizational structure and update on new ministry areas-
 1. Worship Ministry – Mary Claire Potter (all pastors)
 2. Community Life and Caring Ministry – Doug Johnson (Pastor Deb)
 3. Lifelong Faith Formation Ministry – Mel Sullivan (Pastor Karri)
 4. Gift Management Ministry – Tom Olsen (Bob Eiselt and Pastor Chris)
 5. Outreach Mission Ministry – Arba-Della Beck (Pastor Deb)
 6. Congregational Council – Gail Olson

There are two table talks scheduled to discuss the various ministry areas. The two that are scheduled are as follows: March 12th – Worship Ministry and May 6th – Congregational Life and Care Ministry
Other table talks will be scheduled over the course of the next several weeks.
 - b. Congregational recommitment in conjunction with the installation of the new lead pastor – this was a topic that the transition team noted in their report and the council felt it was important to discuss how to incorporate this recommendation.
 - c. 150th Anniversary planning – Postponed until next month
 - d. Staff/pastoral liaison to committees - Postponed until next month
 - e. 500th Anniversary Commemoration: This will also be an important event and further discussion will continue.
7. Board/Committee Updates
 - a. Mission board - Postponed until next month
 - b. Stewardship - Postponed until next month
 - c. Council coffee – Postponed until next month
 - d. Gustavus gift request – this is still being pursued to garner clarification.
8. Closing prayer
9. Adjourned at 8:00 PM

FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS:

6:00 PM START:

March 16, 2017 – Devotions- Tom

April 20, 2017 – Devotions – Arba-Della

OTHER FUTURE EVENTS:

Synod Tool Kit for Congregational Leaders, Shepherd of the Hills, Shoreview
Synod Assembly, Prince of Peace, Burnsville

Feb. 25, 2017
May 19-20, 2017

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE LIAISONS:

Stewardship Committee—Bob
Missions Board—Staff liaison?
Facilities Management—Bob

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie (Mel) Sullivan, Secretary