

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Monday, April 21, 2014
7:00 PM

Present: Pastor Kristin, Pastor Eric, Tinky Keen, Jim Ingraham, Glen Kellogg, Gerald Ransone, Stephanie Feaser, Chad Foltz, Ernie Foltz, Heather Heckel, Shannon Fleming,
Absent: excused: Bruce Matson, Faith Hobson, Ferrell Newman

- 1) Devotions - Heather Heckel
- 2) Approve March's Minutes Approved
- 3) Pastors' Reports;
 - a) Pastor Eric
 - i) **Confirmands** Ashley Wilson, Emily Karn; Approved by council;
 - ii) **Voting members to VA Synod**, Jim & Linda Pickels, Jim Schnellenberger: unanimously approved.
 - iii) **Worship planning**, Summer schedule, June, July, August, time 9:30; this will impact confirmation, both families are agreed, then Sunday school or a fellowship activity will follow—this is basically council's recommendation.
Approved unanimously;
 - iv) **Men's small group**, led by Jim Pickels and Mitch Roberts;
- 4) **Ministry Team Reports** Shannon will have a Vision Team Report, moved to further down the agenda
- 5) Treasurer's Report
 - a) March ended in the black, property expenses actually \$500 less than the report, due to donation for the new refrigerator. Funding for the refrigerator was:
Property 50%, CARITAS 25%, Village Nights 25%
 - b) Old refrigerator was picked up by Hanover Ruritans
 - c) April is looking to be in the black as well. This is probably due to the "Pray it Forward" initiative, and increased pledging.
- 6) Old Business
 - a) **Pray It Forward** 58 pledges, for \$43,436 (this was delayed by Cindy's father's death). Gerald asked for a breakdown of giving (ie was the whole amount given by just one pledge, or was it spread out among several). That will help us see if just a few families are supporting Pray it Forward or is it more universal?
 - b) **Vision Planning Group:** (Faith Hobson, Shannon Fleming, Bob Light,

Jennifer John, Shawn Belcastro, Greg Faust, Kathi Charlson) created a survey emphasizing future planning and visioning, put on survey monkey, available on christlutheran.org and in Katy's email blast for the week. Jennifer John will look into community outreach. Shannon is coordinating informal gathering with food and chatting, to stimulate the flow of ideas.

- c) Constitution update: We haven't heard anything, Pastor E will contact synod.
- d) Tinky; expiring Kroger cards, you will need to get a new one from Ernie. It is easy to get new ones.

7) New Business

a) Cleaning Service Contract Termination

- i) The family that has been cleaning the church for 23+ years, this week will be their last.
- ii) We will need a cleaning service, Richard Tripp wants to know what duties are expected of a cleaning service
- iii) We don't have a contract with defined duties, beyond a list from 1992, we have an opportunity to redefine what a cleaning service would do.
- iv) Current service is once per week cleaning, spread out over a couple of days, since the Y has started, cleaning occurs on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Our building is ~15,000 sq. ft., 6 restrooms
- v) Any new service will probably cost considerably more than our current cleaning service
- vi) Richard Tripp has asked Jane Dry what service Lakeside Presbyterian uses, no response yet.
- vii) One thing we need to do better is communicate schedules better—they were here cleaning right before the Good Friday service.
- viii) We need to assign a group to create or update a job description, appoint a liaison (not staff) to interface with the cleaning crew. Some discussion about this point. Staff keeps and generates the schedule, so they will have to be the point of contact for scheduling. A member of property committee or some other church member should be the one to deal with complaints about the service. The property committee should probably be the ones to negotiate the contract.
- ix) We should contact other churches in the area, we will ask Property to take the lead, and get back with council ASAP

b) Space Use

- i) Dancing Group-George Springer in addition to giving lessons has another group that needs space occasionally (as backup space), 8-10:30 pm in the fellowship hall, on Friday evenings. As long as they don't interfere with any other church activities, there shouldn't be a problem. Motion second, unanimously approved.
- ii) Networking Group—Pastor Eric's next door neighbor, would like to hold business Networking International meetings, would meet Wednesday mornings, 7:30-9:00 am, with ~25 people, would be willing to work with the Y in setting up the furniture and resetting afterwards. They would start in the fall, the space they currently are using will no longer be available. Motion made and approved with 1 dissenting vote.

c) Other New Business

- i) On 4/6/2014 Pastor Hunsinger was offered and accepted a call to serve Zion Lutheran Long Valley NJ, 55 miles west of Manhattan, effective May 18, 2014. She has put in place plans for the summer, VBS, etc. Council has to vote to accept her resignation, council voted unanimously, but very reluctantly, in favor of accepting her resignation.

8) Budget Formation

- a) Budget Committee Guidance-working on a group, Glen Kellogg, John Jung, Cheryl Matson agreed to serve. Glen will organize the group; we need clear guidance from council. Dual proposed budget, one with this year's numbers, plus one that reflects that what we might want to do in addition to what we are already doing. This will involve the visioning groups, council, and the pastor.

9) Next Meeting: May 12

10) Remarks for the Good of the Church/Closing

11) Adjourned 8:05 pm