

St. Tim's Church Council

Minutes of 5/21/17 meeting

- Opening prayer, unanimous approval of April council minutes, unanimous acceptance of Pastor's report for April.
- PASTOR'S UPDATES—
 - Summer Services Music: Zack in Europe for the summer from the last Sunday in June, returning the 2nd or 3rd week in August. A pianist and guitarist will fill in, and Helene Roybal will stay on as song leader. (Zack had presented the plans to the Worship Committee for approval.)
 - No summer music program for kids; no VBS. 4-5 Saturdays set aside for "Adventure Albuquerque" outings, each ending with a meal and bible study at St. Tim's.
 - Synod Assembly: www.rmselca.org for full report. AMMPARO, to address unaccompanied minors coming from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras. Is St. Tim's interested in participating? NEW STRATEGIC PLAN for RMS 2017-2019: This is apparently the first time a strategic plan is being drawn up, and the Bishop spent a good deal of time discussing this over the weekend.
 - PRAYER GROUP for local homeless: Much less anxiety in the group now that lighting has been fixed around the bldg; playground reopened; used syringes/needles removed from around the bldg; no more calls from neighbors complaining about activity in alleyway; still some "criminal activity" in stairwells. \$2376 donated so far this year for "sack lunch" ministry; ~\$3500/year is the average cost. More hopeful, yet sad, mood in said prayer group.
- LIFE PROGRAM—No applicants from Zia; 2 applicants from Highland HS. 10-week course to begin soon; goal is 6-12 families in class. Whittier and Lowell schools in 87108 have many families who would qualify for the program. Sara will ask Bandelier Elementary for a point of contact to discuss the LIFE grant program.
- Pastor Rachael and one other person will be writing a grant proposal for Lilly Corporation regarding refugees.
- ROOF UPDATE—National Roofing handout reviewed. \$4850 has been approved by Congregation for emergency repairs, especially over the kitchen, including narthex, ladies' room and fellowship entry. Before and after pix reviewed. Bids are being submitted by contractors for further repairs and replacements, for electrical and gas lines. Their bids will be included with the Ntl roofing bid; the Congregational meeting to discuss/vote on roof repairs will include a roofing rep. Target date for work to begin is early September. Finance team will be consulted as to how best to finance this project. Once Michele Benton has all the bids, she will work with Rob Evers and Dan Rader to start the loan application process. An extended discussion of finances ensued,

emphasizing the need to move very quickly in order to avoid postponement till fall/winter.

- BUDGET ADJUSTMENT—Rob Evers. We are not tax-exempt for construction activities (repair/remodel materials). Line item changes proposed by Lee Wilson for repairs, Synod and Stewardship were approved unanimously. (Total budget remains the same despite line item changes.)
- CONSTITUTION REVIEW—Bob Jacobsen, Rob Evers and Mary Beth will work together to update our constitution, initially drawn up in 1997, to comply with Q 2 year revisions set forth by ELCA to align more closely with the new “model constitution” from 2016, which will be used as a template. Ron Henkel and the Synod secretary will email the draft to Council in June, to be reviewed at the July Council meeting as an action item. The goal is to replace the old Constitution and by-laws, and to eventually bring to the Congregation for a vote. A letter will be sent to the Congregation for a November meeting to begin the process.
- NOMINATION COMMITTEE—comprised of Trudelle Bunn, Bob Jacobson & Scott Hardy from Council and Anthony Harkness from the congregation, for the November election of new council members. We should aim for 10-12 members total. (Pastor suggests 8; Rob suggests 12.) There is a maximum of two consecutive 3-year terms for members and two consecutive 1-year terms for officers.
- PRAYER GROUPS of 4 people each broke out, followed by Adjournment of meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudelle Bunn, Council Secretary