

STLC Council Agenda/Minutes

10/15/2017

Members Present: Robert Evers, Sara Love, Pastor Rachael Powell, Richard Ciccarello, Monica Coborn, Bob Jacobson, Lee Wilson.

Members Absent: Scott Hardy, Robin Harmon.

Opening Prayer –Rob- 2 minutes

Consent Agenda – Rob & Pastor 5 minutes

1. **Review of Council Minutes from September- see attachment.** *Council Minutes from September 2017 accepted without objection.*
2. **Pastor Report- see attachment.** Pastor's Report accepted without objection.
3. **Invitation to Social Media Review Meeting on 10/22 at 11 AM.** *Council Members are invited to this meeting.*
4. **Visit of RM Synod Council to St. Tim's on 11/02/2017.** *Council Members are invited to this meeting from 2:30- 4:00 PM on this date.*

Discussion and Action Agenda

1. **3rd Quarter Financial Reports- Michele and/or Marie- 15 minutes; see Actual vs Budget and Balance Sheet report in attachments; also attached are fund reports from Morningstar reviewing our investments (for your information so you may see how those investments are doing through September).** *Michele Benton reviewed the Actual vs Budget Report and the Balance Sheet Report both through September 30, 2017. Several questions from council members. Reports accepted.*
2. **Report to Full Council Executive Committee Action on LFS/Commerical Kitchen/Food Service Training Program- Pastor and Michele- 10 minutes- see attachment.** *The Executive Committee has acted at the end of September to approve a working relationship between Lutheran Family Services and St. Timothy's Evangelical Lutheran Church to upgrade our kitchen to obtain a commercial kitchen license. LFS will forward money to STLC to help upgrade our kitchen and LFS will directly purchase of new large refrigerator/freezer unit, remove some cabinets to increase opening size for new refrigerator and build new cabinets. This program will help train refugees served by LFS or food service industry jobs. It was necessary to move quickly on the kitchen upgrade/food industry training program or LFS would have to return grant money after September 30, 2017. Michele Benton reviewed for the Congregation upgrades that we will perform with funds supplied by LFS. **No STLC funds will be expended on this project.** Council did not object to the actions of the executive committee.*

3. **Approve recommendation from Personnel Team for STLC to sponsor the Powell Family on the Portico Benefits Platinum Health Insurance Plan for 2017- Rob- 3 minutes.**
Motion by Richard Ciccarello and seconded by Lee Wilson for St. Tim's to sponsor the Portico Benefits Platinum Health Insurance for Pastor Powell and her family. This continues the same level of insurance coverage we have provided the last several years. Vote 6 for; 0 against; and Pastor Powell abstaining. Motion is approved. For information purposed we have a cost sharing agreement with Cross of Hope Lutheran Church where Pastor Matt Powell is employed part time.
4. **Committee Sign Up/Review- Sara- 10 minutes- see attachment.** *Council reviewed committee signup sheets to be distributed to committees prior to the November Congregation Meeting so voting members of the congregation may begin signing up for committees. Council members suggested adding phone and email contact information to the signup sheets.*
5. **Election of a New Secretary to fill Trudelle's position/only for the rest of this year until new officer elections in January-Rob- 10 minutes.** *Richard Ciccarello was elected on a 7-0 vote to the office of secretary for the balance of the 2017 calendar year.*
6. **LFS/GNM Grant Proposal/Report to Council- Pastor- 5 minutes.** *Pastor gave an oral report that LFS/STLC is actively seeking an outreach grant (called the Wheatridge Grant) to support a driver education/training program to help support refugees who worship at St. Tim's through the Good News Ministry and other refugees served by LFS. This would aid refugees by helping them to obtain legal driving status in New Mexico which will increase changes of employment. We will research if any extra legal or insurance liability will attach to this program if we receive this grant.*
7. **Sabbatical Grant Proposal/Update to Council- Pastor and Others- 10 minutes.** *Pastor reported that a Sabbatical Planning Group composed of (Darra Kingsley, Judy Jacobson, Dan Rader, and Pastor Rachael Powell are actively planning for Sabbatical Leave for Pastor Powell (summer of 2019) and are actively pursuing a grant sponsored by the Lilly Foundation for Clergy Renewal. Council will receive more information at the November 12, 2017 Congregation Council Meeting.*
8. **Albuquerque Area Ministry Strategy/Info for Council/Bible Study/Prayer/Next Steps- Pastor- 20 minutes.** *The Rocky Mountain Synod is helping the Albuquerque Area ELCA churches to explore the possibility of developing an Albuquerque Area Ministry Strategy. Thirty-three individuals from various area ELCA churches met recently for a breakfast meeting to begin discussion and prayer on this initiative. Pastor Powell, Robert Evers, Anthony Harkness and Daniel Rader represented St. Tim's at this initial meeting. Today the Congregation Council read and discussed bible verses Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:15-17 and Acts 1:21-26. We discussed how these lessons can help guide us to the will of Christ in this endeavor. We also broke into two smaller prayer groups to ask that the Holy Spirit lead us and give us patience to hear the will of God as we begin to develop an Albuquerque Area Ministry Strategy.*

The Council adjourned after the conclusion of the prayer groups.

Yours in Christ!