

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Minutes of Church Council Meeting of 5/20/2018

Council Members present were: Robert Evers, Sara Love, Rich Ciccarello, Pr. Rachel Powell, Bert Blackwell, Gabbi Carpenter, Monica Coburn, Robin Harmon, Bob Jacobson, Elaine Morgan, Debby Morrell, and Lee Wilson.

Guests present were: Michele Benton, and Rob and Phyllis Rispoli.

The meeting was called to order with prayer at 12:17 pm.

Bob Jacobson moved and Gabbi Carpenter seconded that the Consent Agenda and Pastor's Report be approved. The motion was approved 12 for, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Rob Rispoli gave a comprehensive report on the 2018 Synod Assembly and produced a newsletter about the Assembly which is attached.

The Council established by consensus that the 2018 Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 18, 2018, following worship, and that the follow-up 2019 Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2019, following worship. Both meetings are for the Congregation's consideration and approval of the 2019 Budget and Spending Plan as presented by the Finance & Investment Committee and approved by the Church Council, and any other congregational business which may be presented to the Congregation by the Church Council.

The nomination and election of new Church Council members shall be at the November Congregational meeting.

The Council established by consensus that the Finance & Investment Committee shall present its recommendations for the 2019 Spending Plan to the Church Council for approval at the November 11, 2018 Council Meeting. Rob Evers will so inform the Committee.

The Council established by consensus that the Finance & Investment Committee shall present its recommendations for the 2019 Budget to the Church Council for approval at the January 20, 2019 Council meeting. Rob Evers will so inform the Committee.

Rob Evers and Robin Harmon are each coming to the end of their first terms as Council members and have agreed to inform the Council if they will seek a second three year term by the September Council meeting.

The Nominating Committee will begin its process of gathering names of people who are interested in serving on the Council after the September meeting and will report to the council at its November meeting. Nominations to serve on the Council are also accepted from the floor at the November Congregational Meeting.

Debby Morrell and Phyllis Rispoli gave a report on the grant of 10 thousand dollars over 2 years from the "We Rise" organization for extended resources to empower refugee women.

Pr. Rachel moved and Sara Love seconded a motion that the Council approve both, applying for this grant, and the 1 thousand dollar per year in kind donation from St. Timothy Church if we receive the grant. The motion was approved, 12 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Rob Evers gave a report and led a short discussion on the "Gathering, Visioning and Responding" dinner at Marie's house on May 14th, which is a part of the ongoing "Council Role in Process" program.

Pr. Rachel led a discussion on gun violence, safety, and security with information from the Synod Assembly and informed the Council of incidents and concerns she has encountered at St. Timothy Church. Attached is a copy of Pr. Rachel's op-ed piece on safety and security.

The was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Ciccarello,
Church Secretary