

STLC Congregation Council Meeting

01/20/2019

Minutes

Council Members Present: Robert Evers, Sara Love, Rich Ciccarello, Pastor Rachael Powell, Bert Blackwell, Gabbi Carpenter, Robin Harmon, Bob Jacobson, Elaine Morgan, Ed Schissel.

Council Members Absent: Monica Coburn, Debby Morrell, and Lee Wilson.

Guests Present: Dan Rader (Chair Finance & Investment Team), Marie Henkel (Co-Treasurer) and Michele Benton (Co-Treasurer). Marie and Michele are also co-chairs of the Facility Team.

Opening Prayer: Robert Evers (outgoing president) opened the council meeting with prayer at 12:15 pm.

Agenda Items

Election of Officers:

- 1. Election of President:** Current Vice President Sara Love indicated that she was willing to serve as President. No other council members expressed an interest in serving as President. Rich Ciccarello placed Sara's name in nomination and it was seconded by Elaine Morgan. With no other nominations Elaine Morgan moved and Bert Blackwell seconded that Sara Love be elected to the Office of President by acclamation. Sara Love was elected by a vote of 10 for, 0 against and 0 abstention. Having elected a new president Robert Evers vacated the chair and turned the meeting over to Sara.
- 2. Election of Vice President:** the floor was opened to nominations. Lee Wilson was absent but had indicated to Sara and Pastor Rachael that he was willing to serve. No other council members expressed an interest in serving as Vice President. Robin Harmon nominated Lee Wilson and was seconded by Robert Evers. With no other names placed in nomination Rich Ciccarello moved and Bob Jacobson seconded a motion that Lee

Wilson be elected to the Office of Vice President by acclamation. Lee Wilson was elected by a vote of 10 for, 0 against and 0 abstention.

- 3. Election of Secretary: Robert Evers indicated he was willing to serve a Secretary. No other council members expressed an interest in serving as Secretary. Robert Evers was elected by a voice vote to the Office of Secretary.**

Consent Agenda:

Items in the consent agenda were minutes from the October, November and December, 2018 meetings of the council and Pastor Rachael's report on her activities in November and December of 2018. Robin Harmon moved and Elaine Morgan seconded a motion to accept these reports as submitted. Approved 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstention.

Discussion Agenda:

- 1. Financial Reports: Marie Henkel gave the financial reports on behalf or herself and Michele Benton (co-treasurer's) Marie presented a condensed 2018 Budget vs Actuals report that showed that net income was \$(9,650.78) after including \$(12,347.05) of investment losses. Excluding investment losses on a cash basis we finished with a surplus of income to expenses of \$2,696.27. Next Marie presented a combined report which showed the 2018 budget compared with 2018 actuals and a 2019 budget as recommended to the council by the Finance and Investment Team.**
- 2. Appointment of Financial Team by the Council: Marie Henkel and Michele Benton both indicated that they were willing to serve as co-treasurers for 2019. Robert Evers indicated that he was willing to serve as the financial secretary for 2019. Rob Evers moved and Rich Ciccarello seconded a motion to appoint Marie Henkel and Michelle Benton as treasurers for 2019. Approved on a vote of 10 for. 0 against and 0 abstention. Bert Blackwell moved and Gabbi Carpenter seconded a motion to appoint Robert Evers as Financial Secretary. Approved on a vote of 10 for, 0 against and 0 abstention.**
- 3. After hearing the financial reports and appointing the co-treasurers and the financial secretary, Marie Henkel and Michele Benton left the meeting**

and council went on to discuss and take action on the 2019 Budget Proposal as submitted by the Finance and Investment Team. At the November Congregation Meeting when the 2019 Proposed Spending Plan was presented a motion from Anthony Harkness was presented to move \$250 from support of Camino de Vida and add those funds to the budget item for contribution for support of Lutheran Campus Ministry at UNM/CNM. An advisory vote of those voting members at the Congregation meeting recommended this motion to council. Gabbi Carpenter made a motion to move the \$250 support for Camino de Vida to the line item supporting Lutheran Campus Ministry at UNM/CNM and the motion was seconded by Bert Blackwell. The council discussed this motion and voted to adopt the motion by a vote of 8 for, 1 against (Sara Love) and 1 abstention (Robert Evers who is also a member of the Board of Directors at Lutheran Campus Ministry and he felt that voting on this issue would be a conflict of interest).

4. Council was presented with a motion by Gabbi Carpenter and seconded by Robin Harmon to allocate the \$605 given to an Unrestricted Memorial to honor Gladys West for purchase of a sound control box which allows our music director to control sound mixing and microphones from her position at the Piano rather than having to go to the sound closet. Motion approved 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstention.
5. Council also considered a motion to fund the second contribution of St. Timothy's Endowment Fund for the LIFE Program. St. Paul Lutheran Church our partner in this program has contributed \$5,000 in 2017 and \$5,000 in 2018. St. Timothy's Lutheran Church contributed \$5,000 from our Endowment Fund in 2017 and \$300 in member contributions for the LIFE Program. Rich Ciccarello moved and Gabbi Carpenter seconded a motion to instruct the Finance and Investment Team to sell \$5,000 of investments in the Mission Endowment Fund from either the T. Rowe Price Equity Fund or the Vanguard Money Market Fund as deemed appropriate to fund our second contribution to the LIFE program. Motion was approved by a vote of 10 for, 0 against and 0 abstention.

Appointment of Council Liaison Positions: The following council members are appointed as non-voting members of the committees to facilitate communication between the committees and council:

Personnel Team: Rich Ciccarello

Finance Team: Lee Wilson

Facility Team: Bob Jacobson

Worship Team: Gabbi Carpenter

Advocacy Team: Ed Schissel

Stewardship Team: Bert Blackwell

Women's Ministry Group: Elaine Morgan

Education: Robin Harmon

Planning for the January 27, 2019 Congregation Meeting

Nomination Committee: The Council will recommend two names of council members whose terms will end in January 2020 (Sara Love and Rich Ciccarello). The Congregation needs to elect four person committee to serve from January to November to nominate new individuals to run for Congregation Council.

2019 Budget: Marie Henkel will present the 2019 Budget as developed by the Finance & Investment Team and as amended by the Congregation Council. The Congregation will consider and adopt a budget for 2019.

2018 Budget and Actuals Report and 2018 year end balance sheet report: Marie Henkel will make an informational report to the congregation concerning our financial results for 2018.

Council Retreat Meeting for February 2019:

Council set the date and time for our February Council Retreat for Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 9 am to 1 pm.

No other business being before the Congregation Council we adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Submitted by

Robert N. Evers

Congregation and Council Secretary