

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Parish Planning Council (PPC) Meeting  
January 11, 2017

Bob Wittenberg (President)	Ray Wernecke (Head Elder)
Elizabeth Russell (Vice President)	Denise Hooyer (Youth)
John Hargraves (Outreach & Welcome)	Gloria Ranta (Christian Ed)
Roger Johnson (Stewardship)	Lanny Jean (Public Relations)
Trista Hutchison (Treasurer)	Vicki Lysaght (Preschool)
Billy Mehaffey (Properties)	Pastor Blanke

Meeting was called to order by Bob 6:00 P.M. Pastor opened with prayer. Attendees are identified above.

The meeting minutes from the December PPC meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Treasurer's report was accepted.
- Cash flow was positive for December.
- After adjustments for \$75,345 for giving for fellowship hall renovations in previous year and \$50,000 donation for solar panels, the cash flow for fiscal year to date is +\$757.96.
- All the money needed for the AV upgrade has been raised.
- Plan to move the Old Line savings account for long term maintenance to LCEF to get better interest rate.
  - Need to plan budget in order to have money at the end of the year to put into long term maintenance account.
- Boards should start to think about their budget for next fiscal year.

**Board Reports**

Elders:

- Small Group Ministry – The 7 Groups are gearing back up in the new year, adhering to our 4 underlying principles (inviting friends or neighbors to the small group, empowering/encouraging each person in the group to have a role, serving each other, and praying for each) and growing in their faith. Themes from the last Small Group Facilitator Planning (11/19/2017) are provided:
  - Lutheran Hour and RightNow Media seem to be the two most popular sources for content for our small groups. Video-based studies are really making it easy to jump into. Caution: Some of the LH studies are a little bit too “heavy” for participants who are not church members.
  - Pastor requested that group facilitators keep him informed of any special prayer requests.
  - Publicity: It was suggested that one person from each small group (not necessarily the facilitator) update the church office with meeting locations, content used, times, etc. as needed.
  - Continuing Ed: Pastor and John Hargraves (Outreach and Welcome Board Director) will collaborate to invite Mission and Ministry Facilitator Travis Guse to visit Trinity in the new year. We could possibly do a presentation to the congregation followed by a more focused time with small group facilitators after the 11 AM service.

- Sanctuary A/V Committee:
  - A/V system is installed and paid for!
  - Working to fine tune the system (bulletins, hymns, announcements)
  - Assembling an “A/V Operator” roster of volunteers following our “People in Service” scheduling process.
  - Training continues for Elders and interested volunteers.
  - Feedback is welcome.
- Confirmation: Early Communion class kicked off on 7 January with 8 participants.
- Church Security: Convened a small group (Pastor, Vickie, Hal Willard II, Ray) to discuss responsible steps to ensure campus security. Next-steps include recruitment of individuals to serve on our “Security Committee”.

#### Outreach & Welcome:

- No report

#### Properties:

- Dave Swift purchased lights for the kitchen.
  - Need to look into SMECO rebate.
- Vision/Building committee met (Billy Mehaffey, Vicki Lysaght, Roger Johnson, Dave Swift, Pastor)
  - Looking at questions from LCEF to help define the project.
  - Need to put together a schedule.

#### Youth:

- Bake sale in December raised over \$550.
- Five youth are registered for the Quake in VA Beach.
- Will have planning/music session 1/21 after late service. Will discuss Pancake Supper.
- Planning a Lock-in.

#### Fellowship:

- Debbie met the fabricator on Monday at the Church. There were challenges because we should have repositioned the sink when doing the modifications to the kitchen.
- Can someone to put a blank plate over the outlet behind the dishwasher?
- Working on planning a progressive dinner.

#### Stewardship:

- Starting to plan a stewardship drive for the fall.
  - Looking into making changes to the time and talent sheet that has been used the last several years.

#### Public Relations:

- Got group together that went caroling at WARM at Camp Maria.
- Will post at least weekly on the Facebook page.
- Looking into Google Apps.

#### Christian Education:

- Christmas program was a success.
- Sunday School resumed 1/7.

- Have Concordia materials for 13 weeks. Will need one more order of new materials to complete the school year.
- Summer schedule needs to be discussed and planned for.
- Adult Sunday School resumed last Sunday with a study of Galatians. It is a 6 week series to be led by Bev Hargraves in the fellowship hall.
- Thursday Bible Study resumed on 1/11 with a study based on the book “Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World”. Five women attended. It is a 10 week series led by Gloria Ranta in the Conference Room.

Social Ministry:

- No report

Pre-School:

- Registration for next year will be 2/21 and 2/22.

**Pastor’s Report.** Pastor’s full report is attached to these meeting minutes. The following are a few excerpts from his report:

- Attendance was up in December from last year.
- Put prayer cards in the pew.
- Having issues with how the PC is interfacing with the AV system. Would like to purchase Mac for the Office (~\$1,200).
- Recommend using St. Paul Lutheran wifi use policy as template for Trinity
- Young adult (21-29) gathering at the Blanke’s house on 2/5.
- Confirmation retreat will be 2/9-10 at Camp Maria

**Nominations Committee**

- Need to put together committee

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at approximately 7:25 p.m.