



CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday April 20, 2017

Present: Doug Johnson, Tom Olsen, Mary Claire Olson Potter, Arba-Della Beck, Mel Sullivan, Bob Eiselt, Pastor Chris Bellefeuille and Pastor Karri Anderson

Absent: Gail Olson and Pastor Deb Ost

Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM by Doug Johnson

1. Welcome, devotions – Pastor Chris
 2. Approve minutes. M/S/P to approve minutes from March 17, 2017 meeting.
 3. Lead pastor reports/updates:
 - a. Ministry Team update– Pastor Chris provided a pastoral update.
 - b. Pastor Deb Ost – Pastor Deb has orally submitted her resignation which is required under a co-terminus call. It was at the recommendation of Pastor Chris that this resignation be refused. Mary Claire made a motion to deny her resignation with TLC. Arba-Della seconded. Approved unanimously by Council. This will allow Pastor Deb to continue with her current call.
 - c. Reconciling in Christ – Pastor Chris provided the Council with information about a reconciling church and the associated process. This is a formal process that would require about one year. Two volunteers in TLC have expressed willingness to lead the congregation through this program. Pastor Chris will provide additional information to the Council and a decision will be made at the May meeting.
 - d. Update on associate pastor position and call process – Pastor Chris provided an update on how the call process would work for an associate pastor position. The steps are outlined:
 - i. Call committee must be created with a lead volunteer from the congregation. The call is a constitutional process and this pastor will be called by the congregation.
 - ii. Ministry Site Profile must be updated by call committee.
 - iii. Update job description for the position, which is necessary for the synod to begin their search.

The process needs to get started for the associated pastor to conclude the call process within the next 6 to 12 months. The process will follow the Synod guidelines.

 - e. TrinityFest September 2017 - Still working on the details that will be communicated in future newsletters.
4. Real property – Green space development
 - a. The meeting will be held on June 1st to discuss a visioning for this space. Communication will be sent to the congregation to invite members to this session.

5. Finance and Budget:
 - a. Pledge/stewardship update – There was not an update provided at this meeting.
 - b. Financial Statements - Council discussed current financials, currently income and expenses.
 - c. Budget updates were provided – The budget and information was reviewed by the Council. The Council continues to support the transparent communication in the newsletter related to the challenges with the budget and impending deficit.
6. Board/Committee Updates
 - a. Mission board –
 - i. Monthly Board
 1. Monthly mission – The work is being done on the golf event. Pastor Chris will serve as the liaison.
 2. Update on Tanzania truck - none to report
 3. Mission accompaniment model – the Mission Board is discussing the importance of developing mission programs to model after the synod’s guidance, which incorporates accompaniment. The future mission opportunities will involve this core value for evaluation and assessment. The congregation will also have training on the concept for a deeper understanding of the model.
 4. Mexico Mission recap – The mission trip went well and the students/team had a good experience. There were 42 students participated. Continued evaluation for the longer-term strategy will continue.
 - b. Stewardship – The team is reforming and discussing how to move forward with continued transparency and growth of the gifts of the congregation.
 - c. No other committee reports.
7. Miscellaneous
 - a. 150th anniversary planning – The planning will continue for this event.
 - b. Council Coffee/open door – This topic will be tabled until after the Council Table Talk.
 - c. Constitution and by-laws – The constitution is now complete and models the synod suggestion. Doug reported that he is now working on the by-laws.
 - d. Gifts to Trinity – Doug suggested that when memorial gifts are made to the church that a letter is provided to the donor. The Council supports this idea and Bob will inform the group of these donations.
 - e. Size of council and leadership transitions – the Council briefly discussed the overall size of the council and how to support the potential leadership transition with Gail and Doug. This will be discussed in more depth at an upcoming Council meeting.
8. Closing prayer
9. Adjourned at 8:25 PM

FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS:

6:00 PM START:

May 18, 2017 Devotions - Pastor Chris
June 21, 2017 Devotions – Pastor Chris
July 20, 2017 Devotions – Pastor Chris

OTHER FUTURE EVENTS:

Synod Assembly, Prince of Peace, Burnsville May 19-20, 2017

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE LIAISONS:

Stewardship Committee
Mission Board
Facilities Management

COUNCIL AND MINISTRY TEAM LIAISONS

Worship Ministry – Mary Claire Potter (all pastors)
Community Life and Caring Ministry – Doug Johnson (Pastor Chris)
Lifelong Faith Formation Ministry – Mel Sullivan (Pastor Karri)
Gift Management Ministry – Tom Olsen (Bob Eiselt and Pastor Chris)
Outreach Mission Ministry – Arba-Della Beck (Pastor Deb)
Congregational Council – Gail Olson

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie (Mel) Sullivan, Secretary