

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ ENDICOTT, WA
March 5, 2024

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Ian McMichael, Louise Owen, Greg Burns, Karen Jackson, Pam Johnson, Myrna Morasch, Spencer Nunn, Margaret Schmick, Tami Stubbs

OPENING

President Louise Owen called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM in the church parish hall and gave the devotion. Council members read the Mission and Vision Statements aloud together.

Minutes: *It was moved by Myrna and seconded by Karen to approve the February monthly council meeting minutes. The motion carried.*

REPORTS

Treasurer: Karen presented the treasurer's report for February, including balances for each church account. General income for February was \$5,188.80, Thrivent contributions were \$1,759.00, and expenses were \$7,121.90. *It was moved by Myrna and seconded by Margaret to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.*

Benevolence Secretary / Memorial Committee: Pam reported that she made a \$570 donation to Lutherhaven to help cover camperships for 2024. The benevolence fund balance is \$4,399.75 with \$3,097.31 for Youth/Lutherhaven scholarships and \$1,302.44 for local benevolence. The memorial fund balance is \$33,270.72. *It was moved by Myrna and seconded by Karen to approve the benevolence and memorial fund reports. The motion carried.*

Margaret reported that there is a community member who could use assistance with car repair and a large family in town who may benefit from assistance for their children. Margaret will gather more information on both situations, and we will decide on benevolence contributions by email.

Christian Ed.: There was nothing new to report. Pastor asked if there is interest in holding an abbreviated Bible study during April-May. Council members agreed by consensus that it would be nice to have Bible study; it will be held once each month and Pastor will plan a short study for each meeting.

Pastor: Specific details may be found in Pastor Ian's written report. The alternative Lent activities (bread-baking, game night) have gone well. The next activity is to visit with shut-ins.

The guidelines have changed for the Synod Share Grant that is paying for Pastor's cell phone and he is unsure if another grant application will be successful. New grant ideas mentioned were a speaker for the parish hall and an "Owl" device to improve online worship quality. Pastor will write the grant application to apply for the new equipment.

Trustees and President: Two bids have been submitted for painting the church building exterior and a third bid will be received soon. Council members will communicate by email to begin deciding after all bids have been received.

Outreach Deacon: Easter eggs will be filled on Sunday, March 24 during coffee hour.

Youth Deacon: There was nothing new to report.

Elizabeth Circle: The group continues to sew blankets for the next batch of baby care kits.

CLOSING

The next church council meeting will be Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00 PM with Pam in charge of the devotion. It was moved by Myrna and seconded by Margaret to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Tami Stubbs
Trinity Lutheran Church Council Secretary