

Trinity Valley Lutheran Parish Council Meeting
Sunday December 3rd, 2023
In-person at Gilman

Present: Dale Place, Kay Place, Trudy Rew, Pastor Bob Friese, Phil Hennemann, Jeremy Johnson, and Jessica Hanson (remotely).

Call to Order:

President Dale Place called the meeting to order at 10:24 a.m.

Opening Prayer:

Pastor Bob Friese led the parish council in opening prayer.

Secretary's Report:

Tabled

Treasurer's Report:

Kay Place discussed the report. An additional charge not listed in the report was for the background check less than \$60.

Budget Proposal:

Dale: Question of Spring Lake parish dues in 2023. Noted the difference from the Proposal was higher than the Actual amount in 2023. Discussed it was fine as it was adjusted through the year as it was just a proposal.

- Phil: 2024 Budget Proposal due by the end of the month by the Executive Committee and sent to the rest of the council members for review.
- Meeting next Sunday 12/10 after church.
 - Executive Committee includes each church president, Parish Treasurer, Parish Secretary, and Pastor.
- Dale makes a motion to approve, Jeremy 2nd. All attendees approved.

Old Business

1. Background Checks need to have background checks done for Sunday School (confirmation backgrounds are complete).
2. Ministry Site profile & call Committee
 - a. Meeting next Sunday 12/10 (15 minutes) after service.
3. Parish Treasurer
 - a. Suggestion has been made to make Kay Place the Treasurer until the Annual Meeting.
 - i. We are not able to make a vote today but the Executive committee discussed and agreed to include Kay Place as a 2nd person on the Parish Account (backup for Phil).
4. Parish Administrator position
 - a. Brandie is doing a great job as our new secretary/bookkeeper. Kay did a great job training her.
 - b. Office Needs:
 - i. Office Chairs & business check printer (current one is broken)

1. Dale made a motion to create a \$1500 budget for chairs and a check printer. Jeremy 2nd. All attendees approved.
 - ii. Jess- Printer jams (only when using the staple function).
 1. Pastor Bob will call and get it looked at. We have a service agreement and there are no additional costs.
5. Personal Discussion (Closed Session)
 - a. Phil made a motion for this to be a closed session at 11:04am. Dale 2nd. All attendees approved.
 - b. Phil made a motion to move to an open session at 11:15am. Dale 2nd. All attendees approved.
6. Pastor Notes:
 - a. There will be no confirmation or worship on Wednesday December 27th
 - b. Our Synod has joined the Reconciling in Christ program which means we affirm/ welcome the LBGTQ+ community.
 - i. Members share concerns with postings. All attendees agree to not post in bulletins.
7. Parish arrangement
 - a. Dale has questions about the Parish arrangement and it reads that it is reviewed annually by Dec 31st. All members agreed to have this tabled for January's meeting. Reason being it will allow the 2024 committee to vote on the suggested changes (if any).

New Business

1. Weekly e-mail for announcements
 - a. Jess to add weekly posts on Facebook, Prints for Announcement Boards, and announcements during church by council members.
 - b. Email- Sending out mass email flags as spam so it's not recommended to us until this has
 - c. Pastor will be the point person to gather this information.
2. Winter Worship time
 - a. Suggestions to start service at 10am instead of 9am over the Jan- Easter
 - b. Dale made the motion to start Winter Worship hours (10am) on Sunday Worship January 7th through Easter (March 31st). Jeremy 2nd. All approve.
 - i. Discuss next year to finalize the regular rotation of this time change.
3. Snow plowing
 - a. Contracting snow plowing and sidewalk shoveling at St. John's. Paid per time.
 - i. Could we do a % of each church to pay?
 1. Tabled until next month to discuss with individual church councils.
4. Budget
 - a. Meeting Next Sunday 12/10 after church
5. Parish Informational Meeting-
 - a. Dale suggested using time after service at St. John's Sunday 1/14 to host an informational meeting and use the projector. The goal would be to review the Parish information, the function of the church, report how things are working, and answer questions as a parish.
 - b. Great opportunity to review the roles of the council and what is open in 2024.
6. Baptismal Chests

- a. Jeremey ordered a dozen more.
7. Executive Committee to discuss Christmas Gifts for musicians.

Next meeting

January 2nd at 6pm @ St. Johns

Adjournment

Dale makes a motion to adjourn at 12:05pm. Jeremy 2nds. All attendees approved.

Closing Prayer