

**First Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting**  
March 5, 2012 7:00p.m.

**Attendance:**

**Ministry Council:**

Marlene Carr -Treasurer  
Jenny Cascio -Secretary  
Kevin Cross –President  
Kim Kwietniewski -Member at Large  
Jim Passage –Vice President  
Pastor Whited –Pastor

**Guest:**

Jennifer Tresch

**Absent:**

Joel Rockensuess –Member at Large  
Jon Adams –Member at Large

**Agenda**

- I. **Opening Prayer & Bible Reading** –The meeting was opened at 7:05pm with a prayer and bible reading by Jim Passage.
- II. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve minutes from January 3, 2012 by Marlene Carr second by Jim Passage, carried unanimously.
- III. **Financial Reporting-** Marlene Carr’s report attached
  - a. Repayment Schedule of 300K Capital Campaign Loan
    - i. Motion by Kevin Cross that council authorizes the treasurer to liquidate the Morgan Stanley investment account of approximately \$64,000.00 to move into the money market account. Seconded by Jim Passage, carried unanimously.
    - ii. Motion by Kevin Cross to make \$150,000 payment on Capital Campaign Bridge Loan to reduce unnecessary interest expense, seconded by Kim Kwietniewski, carried unanimously.
  - b. Eltora Kreft Bequest

- i. Motion by Kim Kwietniewski that the Eltora Kreft monies be applied as requested:
  - 1. \$10,000 to be used as requested for sanctuary beautification and \$5,219.16 to be used as requested for Christian education scholarships grades K-12 based on financial need, and the initial Morgan Stanley security account approximately \$64,000 to be utilized at the approval of the Ministry Council, seconded Jim Passage .
  - 2. Marlene to discuss with Tim Hartnett investment options for the scholarship fund.

IV. **Pastor's Report** -Pastor Whited's report attached.

V. **Governance Committee Update –Jennifer Tresch**

- a. Committee met 2/15/12, meeting again 3/6/12. Working on updates and wording changes to First Trinity's constitution. Specific considerations brought before council for discussion purposes only prior to meeting on 3/6/12:
  - i. Size of council-currently 7 members, should we go to 9
  - ii. Terms of office –currently 2 year terms, maximum 6 years continuous service, should we extend
  - iii. Budget cycle –currently calendar year, should we go to mid-year
  - iv. Elders-should we re-institute elders

VI. **Policy Review**

- a. Outcome Policies
  - i. EMT is currently reviewing Outcome Policies, plan especially to focus on review of current strategies and update of strategic outcomes. The EMT will make recommendations to council.

VII. **Building Committee/Expansion Committee**

- a. Committee to come before council with recommendations regarding parking lot expansion, preschool kitchen and sanctuary needs.

VIII. **Other Old/New Business**

- a. Important Dates: (Jenny to send list of dates to council members)
  - i. EMT reports due 5/28
  - ii. Congregational Voters Meeting 6/18
  - iii. Joint Council/EMT Meeting 6/4 at Kevin's house
  - iv. Regular Council Meeting 5/7 at church
  - v. No regular council meeting in July

IX. **"Parking Lot" List for Future Meeting Follow-up**

- a. Nominating committee needs to be formed

- b. Develop e-mail communication policy for council
  - c. Modify check writing policy –refer to governance committee
- X. **Closing Prayer** -Meeting closed in prayer at 9:25am, motion to adjourn made by Jenny Cascio, seconded by Kim Kwietniewski , carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Cascio  
Ministry Council Secretary

First Trinity Lutheran Church  
Treasurer's Report  
March 5, 2012

- Weekly giving is under budget for January by 12.58%, which is just slightly better than last year. The first week in February was very healthy and the balance of the month looked good. I feel there is no reason for concern at this point in the year.
- Net profit as of 1/31/12 is \$4,855.18. February statements are incomplete at this time. Major item is the last payroll of the month has not been posted.
- Balance Sheet items:
  - Ameritrade account balance as of 1/31/12 is \$116,076.25.
  - Morgan Stanley account balance is \$63,480.33. (Eltora Kreft memorial)
  - Haiti Annual Mission Trip. I plan to work with Sue Steege to establish a method of being able to tell where one year's trip income & expenses end and the next year's begin.
- Capital Campaign. As of 2/15/12 \$341,903.14 of the \$534,583.00 has been collected. Per Tim Hartnett, the amount collected as of 12/31/11 was \$308,436.64, not \$293,943.32 as previously reported. This was due to an error.
- The bank account for Changing Our World has been added to the balance sheet as of 1/1/12.
- It was discovered that \$3500.00 from the Mission Scholarship line in the 2011 budget was not expensed to offset the 2011 Haiti Mission Trip. This has now been done as an audit entry for 2011. This brings our loss for 2011 to \$5,613.21.
- We have received a second memorial for \$15,206.19 from the Eltora Kreft estate.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Carr  
Treasurer

The mission of **FIRST TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH** is to transform our world one life at a time through the power of God's Living Word."

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| Worship to date: | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| Total:           | 3659 | 3661 | 3743 | 3387 |

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**Official Acts:**

Funerals: 3 – *“Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in paradise.”* (Luke 23:43)

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**Strange Beginning:**

I am trying to figure out why the numbers are down so much this year. I know it didn't help to have a Sunday on January 1<sup>st</sup> and then be gone for two Sundays in January. The numbers for February are bag on track, but still, it is a noticeable difference that always causes me some concern. It is the 11:15 service that has taken the hit.

**Staff Changes:**

Mary Lou has resigned and Marsha Peth is now the Director of Care Ministry. Mary Lou has been working with Marsha and it should be a really smooth transition. Kathy Gibson has decided to not come back as our Preschool Director. It has just been announced to the staff. Sue will begin the search process.

**Movie:**

We will partner with Life Resources and St. Bartholomew to show Courageous on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. We are excited about it.

**Lenten Worship:**

We have our testimonials ready. It is always an encouraging and exciting time of worship.

*“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.”* (Ephesians 3:20-21)