

Trinity Lutheran Downtown

**Special Voters' Assembly Meeting
Trinity Lutheran Church Sanctuary
Sunday – August 28, 2016 – 12:30PM
Word - Worship - Community**

Meeting Minutes Approved December 11, 2016

Welcome & Call to Order – Ted Lange

- A total of 46 voters were registered

Opening Devotion

- Opening Devotion-Psalm 118-was read in unison
- Opening prayer

Faithfully Forward Status and

Bridge to the Future Campus Revitalization Capital Campaign

Bob Meyer

- Bob presented an overview of the financials for each campaign (See below)
- Completed projects include the Sanctuary Balcony AC Unit (\$5,432) and the railings on west exit of Sanctuary (\$5,700). Eric Havens, GM-Operations, is currently meeting with contractors to overcome several challenges to fabricating and installing a removable front step railing in front of the sanctuary.
- Other priority campus projects include, seal sanctuary stained glass windows, sanctuary sandstone repair and sealing, various campus painting projects, CLC (Gym) AC and campus AC unit upgrades and/or replacement, sanctuary audio visual systems, Fellowship Hall audio visual systems, IT infrastructure upgrades and improvements, campus lighting-convert to LED.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Bruce Hahn

- On our 7.6 million dollar LCEF Loan participates in the shared blessings rebate program which returns funds to Trinity. Rebate for July 2015 to May 2016 was \$22,901
- Currently 379 total investors representing 35.5% of communicate members
- Funds are currently available to fund young investors accounts for school children
- Current young investor accounts are 192
- Bruce reported that based on the current communicant members maintained by LCMS; Trinity has four extra investment accounts so that we realize the full amount of rebate checks available from LCEF. The major focus currently is to utilize existing dedicated funds that were donated to provide an opening account for any CDC or K-8 student for the initial value of \$25.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Tim Norris

- Thrivent members from around the country have directed funds to five local Lutheran Churches to support victims and families of the June 12 Pulse shootings in Orlando
- Trinity donations will exceed \$100,000
- Leadership Council is considering proposals for meaningful use of these funds
- Tim reported that the Trinity Leadership Council is currently accepting and reviewing proposals for application of these funds. Proposals currently include supporting the Lutheran Counseling Services Crisis Care Fund, Establishing a Trinity Comfort Dog Ministry, Supporting the FL-GA District Church Plant in downtown Orlando, Partnering with local law enforcement professionals to offer self-

defense training at Trinity, and to Reimburse Trinity for Pulse Vigil and Banner expenses. Leadership voted unanimously to support the Orlando Modern Quilt Guild in efforts to provide hand-made quilts to victims' families, survivors, first responders, and others affected. Trinity provided the Guild with a check for \$5,355 to purchase supplies in addition to items donated.

Presentation of FY2016-2017 Proposed Budget

David Wilkosz

- *Trinity's Finance Officer, David Wilkosz, reported on the effort since the June 19th voters assembly where it was reported that there was an approximately \$400,000 variance in producing a balanced budget. David reported on significant items within each Christian Operations Center and other major Ministry areas for Trinity. It was also reported that no dedicated funds are to be accessed to meet budget demands and we are returning \$6500 at minimum annually to repay funds taken from the Kunze fund last year.*
- *David made a motion to approve the budget as requested and the motion was seconded.*
- *There was one question raised by the congregation, "what was the difference between June 19 and present to account for nearly \$400,000 in budget projections. The reply from David was an error on one line item and a better understanding of the Faithfully Forward dedicated account. Trinity will be utilizing \$195,000 in faithfully forward funds that were not utilized to close the loan in payment towards the mortgage. Of course, it was pointed out, this is a one-time benefit in meeting our obligation to meet our monthly mortgage payments that will not be available during ensuing years.*
- *The question was called and 46 members voted to approve the budget while one voted against. The motion passed.*
- *See below for Discussion points and the proposed FY 16/17 Trinity Budget which includes a short summary of the approved budget as well as preliminary close out results for FY15/16.*
- *The detailed Trinity FY16/17 budget is available upon request in the church office.*

Adjournment & Close with the "Doxology". *The Doxology as we celebrate and sing it is actually lyrics from the third and final verse of a longer hymn, "Awake, My Soul, and with the Son", with lyrics written by Thomas Ken in 1674.*