

Trinity Lutheran Church
Planning Council Minutes
September 9, 2014
7:00 PM

Pastor	Susan Schneider	Church Property	Steve Dyer
President	Mark Schwarz	Congregational Life	Tom Conrad
VP Alpha	Vicki Olson	Lay Ministry	Open
VP Omega	Michael Byrne	Parish Education	Open
Treasurer	Open	Stewardship	Open
Secretary		Worship	Ruth Kroneman

Special Guest presentation - Greg Markle from Operation Fresh Start, (OFS) presented about his agency and their interest in relocating. OFS is interested in purchasing the First Street parking lot from Trinity. OFS plans to grow their programming and double their space. Markle says the lot is zoned residential but that a School is one of the permitted conditional uses. Any other use would require rezoning or designation by the City as a Planned Unit Development.

OFS would like to negotiate an option to purchase with Trinity and begin a capital campaign soon. Trinity and OFS have widely differing views on the value.

Tom Conrad will get a list of appraisers from the City Real Estate Department and forward the list to Markle.

Special Guest presentation – Kurt Reinhold presented a new proposal to add solar panels and lighting upgrades at Trinity. Full Spectrum Solar would be the installers and the investors for tax credit purposes.

- no obligation for Trinity to buy the panels at the end of the tax credit period.
- energy savings would begin in year 1.
- only half of the roof would be covered with panels under this new proposal
- lighting upgrade to “T12” with magnetic ballasts or some digital ballasts and LED in offices and the music room. New lights in the sides of the sanctuary

There would be a “Shared Savings Contract.” The annual estimated savings would be \$8,000. Trinity would pay about \$6,000 to the investors.

Kurt said they could have the entire project finished by this Thanksgiving.

Tom Conrad will look for pro bono attorney to review the contract.

Regular Meeting

1. Opening Devotions were lead by Vicki
2. Call to Order – Mark Schwarz called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm
3. Approval of August 12, 2014, Minutes – moved by Mike, second by Pastor Sue. Accepted on voice vote with the addition of Mark’s Treasurer’s report.
4. Vision Discussion – this was discussed at length at the August council meeting
5. Pastor’s Report – Focused on the Stewardship Campaign
6. Treasurer’s Report – Mark provided a written report. Tom moved and Steve seconded. Report accepted on voice vote
7. Meeting Business:
 - a. 2014 Budget progression - Mark reported that the utilities were higher.
 - b. Nominating Committee/Elections – Positions to be elected are:
 - VP Omega,
 - Parish Education,
 - Congregational Life and
 - Lay Ministry.
8. Old Business:
 - a. Development of a Personnel Committee update – this item tabled until the September meeting.
 - b. Progress of Capital Campaign for A/C – The bids are in and the bid from H&H is lowest.
 - c. Update on Outdoor Signage – Pastor gave a brief update. City signage rules are quite complicated. Trinity will need to rely on a sign company with expertise on the rules.
 - d. Update on Office Computers Software – Mark and Vicki gave an update.
 - e. Update on Carol’s Position – Mark (5 minutes)
9. Commission Updates: Council (10 minutes)
10. Calendar: (5 minutes)
 - a. CROP Walk – October 19, 2014
 - b. October Congregation Meeting – TBD (prev. set 10/19 as date)
11. Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
12. Agenda items for October meeting:

- a. A/C Update on Bids
- b. A/C Capital Campaign/Annual Stewardship
- c. Solar Update
- d. Personnel Committee Update
- e. Outdoor Signage Update

13. Devotions – Pastor Sue

14. Adjournment – Mark adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.