

Trinity Lutheran Church Special Voters' Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 10, 2018 – 12:30 PM

Pr. Dave opened the meeting with prayer in the new Sanctuary.

He then gave an update on Church Extension Fund (CEF) activity.

- We received permission to sell the small tract of property to Phil Moser.
- We are unable to release the Florida Boulevard property from collateral, but they have encouraged us to proceed with the school move. Trinity is still the largest congregation in the District.

The Anglican church wanted a 2-year lease, and we cannot fulfill that with our intention to sell the property. The appraisal came in at \$2ack if .865M for three acres and the buildings. The property is paid in full. We could lease the school back if possible if the property sells.

CEF would then provide a bridge loan with the sale of the property funds going to loan repayment.

We are looking to Phase 2 when we would move K-8th grade to Trinity Oaks. The cost would be around \$1.5M. There was discussion about including/not including a gymnasium. It is thought that we could use neighboring school facilities until able to build our own.

A question arose about moving the other stained glass windows from Trinity. It was explained that it is too costly – would be less expensive to produce new ones.

The question of remaining pledges/mortgage debt was raised. At the present time \$1.355M has been collected from pledges – roughly \$408K remain. Total mortgage debt is \$1.8M.

President Chuck Boeneke then shared additional updates on the Building Committee and Phase 2. CEF is requiring a feasibility study on moving the school as a prerequisite to funding. The cost is \$20K and will be done by the same group, Perspective, as the previous study on a child care building back in 2011. These funds will come from Rooted and Reaching pledges. In addition the Master Plan is being updated to include the school building(s). We are working with the same contractor from Phase 1, Faulk and Meek.

The Child Care currently at Florida Blvd. will move to the new facility soon. They will move into the T-buildings first.

The 4-year old class will remain at Florida Blvd. as a pipeline to Kindergarten and be housed next to each other. In addition Harrell's Ferry will accept 4-year olds. Andrew Watson will teach the 3- and 4-year olds at HF.

Principal Dave Harmon shared information about the good things happening. Julia Butler (his wife) will lead the 4-year old program and teach art as an extra curricular program. The math program is changing – Missy Wiseman will be teaching Algebra. Lisa Moyer will be the Kindergarten teacher this year, and, hopefully, Kenzie Woltemath will be her long-term substitute during maternity leave.

During the summer a Thrivent Action Team will paint the inside of the T-building. We will be saving money by contracting out for lunchtime meals. The gym will be rearranged. The former 3-year old room will become a teachers lounge – and they are looking for the donation of a couch.

He asked that prayers be lifted for:

- the students we have and their families,
- more students
- the Staff and their needs, family challenges
- safe arrival of the Moyer baby
- the Board of Education as they start marching forward

Band will continue; looking for music options for the school day and after school. Grades 5-6 will combine, as will 7-8.

Three motions for approval were brought to the voters:

1) Because CEF will not release the Florida Blvd. property from collateral, it is necessary to rescind the amendment approved at the previous Special Voters Meeting. Alan Lenhart so moved, second by Lane Ardoin. The amendment was rescinded. Kim Davis then moved that the original motion be approved, second by Norm Zink. It reads "The voters of Trinity Lutheran Church authorize the Board of Directors to execute a contract in the amount of \$40,000 with Faulk and Meek to develop a preliminary architecture plan/cost estimate alternatives for the site improvements and buildings necessary to move Baton Rouge Lutheran School to the Trinity Oaks campus." The \$40K will be rolled into construction costs when we move. It was noted that Faulk and Meek should provide maximum cost oversight and management. The school time constraint is the reason for moving so quickly on this.

After much discussion about what we get for our money and concern about some of the wording, the words "negotiate and" (execute) were added to the motion. Dave McNeill made the motion, Kim Davis provided the second. This version was approved, with two dissenting votes.

2) The next motion reads: "The voters of Trinity Lutheran Church approve placing the property at 10925 Florida Boulevard for sale. Upon approval a committee will be formed to identify one (1) real estate agent from a pool of three (3)."

Discussion followed regarding the second sentence and its implications. Kim Davis proposed an amended motion striking that second sentence. Lane Ardoin seconded.

The amended motion passed. The original motion was then approved, being seconded by Becky Young.

3) The third motion presented was as follows: "The voters of Trinity Lutheran Church approve placing a call to Kenzie Woltemath for a position of Director of Christian Education." Several people spoke about Kenzie's great qualities during her tenure as an intern and excels in early childhood. She has been a substitute teacher and will be used to fill Kindergarten teacher while Lisa Moyer is on maternity leave. Nick will also continue to serve as DCE in youth ministry. Ann Menou made the motion, Gary Buuck seconded it. The motion passed with one dissenting vote.

The meeting was then adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannine Schutte, Secretary