

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2021

Mission: Trinity Lutheran is a place to gather, refresh the faithful, and reach out with word and service to all others through the Holy Gospel
Guiding Principles

1. *God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*
2. *Preach and teach the Good News to everyone*
3. *Witness your faith through actions and words*
4. *Accept and welcome all people*

Goals during Pandemic:

1. *Worship Weekly*
2. *Financial Stability*
3. *Communication and Connectedness*
4. *Plan for Safe Return*

- I.) **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Sarah Henthorn. **Present:** Jerry Armbrust, Sandy Blom, Mwajuma Dusabe, Amanda Hanson, Sarah Henthorn, Pastor Meggan Manlove, Caitlin McHugh, Carl Radke, and Penelope Smith. A quorum (7) was met. Absent: Tom Friddle, Lloyd Kellar and Patrick Kelly
- II.) **Opening Devotions** – Sandy led devotions on Chapter 5 of The Mission Table.
- III.) **Approve September Agenda** – The agenda was amended. Jerry moved that the amended agenda be approved; Amanda seconded; motion carried.
- IV.) **Approve July Minutes** – Carl moved that the July minutes be approved; Jerry seconded; motion carried.
- Approved August Minutes** – Carl moved that the August minutes be approved; Jerry seconded; motion carried.
- August Actions:** Potential actions were discussed at the August meeting, with consensus of those present reached, and with advice given to implement recommendations. Those actions:
- a) COVID Task Force recommended masks plus spacing for indoor worship. For smaller groups that can maintain 6 foot spacing, masks are recommended for vaccinated and required for unvaccinated people.
 - b) Trinity Community Gardens requested to use the church's domestic water in September, after early shut off of irrigation water.
 - c) It was requested that Deborah (Debbie) Sourgen and Elizabeth Schnabel be approved as new members.
- Caitlin moved we approve these 3 actions from the August meeting; Jerry seconded; motion carried.
- V.) **Review and Approve Treasurer's Reports** – In addition to issues with July's report, it appears that Quickbooks has double-entered some deposits, so the total are overstated.

Penelope moved that we defer to October the approval of July and August Treasurer Reports; Jerry seconded; motion carried.

VI.) **Pastor and Team Reports** – Pastor notes she has received her first email referral for an NNU student and will schedule a meeting.

VII.) **Trinity New Hope** – It is unknown if they got their own internet service yet. Pastor, Judy Kellar and Tami Romine will meet in October.

VIII.) **Goals during Pandemic** – The sanctuary surpassed maximum COVID capacity on 9/12/2021. The COVID Task Force met on 9/13, discussed and made recommendations to open an additional pew, pipe the audio of the service into the nursery room, and stream the worship service onto the television in the Koinonia Room, which will serve as overflow seating.

The Bazaar was discussed. Several COVID remediation measures have already been decided: to serve food “to go” and offer outdoor seating on the patio weather permitting, and to put a cap on the number of vendors to allow greater spacing. We discussed having one directional flow and monitoring the number of shoppers allowed in at one time. The COVID Task Force did not recommend cancelling the Bazaar at this time, and Council agreed that decision could be made later.

Pastor Olson drafted a letter to health care workers from the churches of the Treasure Valley Cluster. Pastor will forward the letter to Council on 9/20 and we can vote online.

IX.) **Old Business**

a. **Audit Committee** – An interim report with recommendations was received, most of which can be discussed in October. Carl will see if Kristina is willing to be Financial Secretary. Sarah moved that the official start date for Karissa Armbrust as Treasurer be 1/1/2022, with the intervening months as a time of transition. Carl seconded; motion carried.

b. **Council Pledges for Fall Stewardship Campaign** - Penelope explained the campaign and the pledge envelope collection process, asking Council to join the Stewardship Team in showing leadership by returning their pledge cards early. The plan is to collect the envelopes unopened until after October 3rd.

X.) **New Business**

a. **2022 Budget Timeline** – Committee requests should be turned in by October 18th.

XI.) **Adjournment** – Jerry moved the meeting be adjourned; Sandy seconded; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

XII.) **Lord’s Prayer**