

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 18, 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*

- I.) **Call to Order** – 7:01 pm by Sarah Henthorn. Others present: Jerry Armbrust, Sandy Blom, Mwajuma Dusabe, Amanda Hanson, Lloyd Kellar, Patrick Kelly, Pastor Meggan Manlove, Carl Radke, Penelope Smith; quorum of 7 is met. Absent: Tom Friddle and Caitlin McHugh.
- II.) **Opening Devotions** – Penelope tied the devotion to God’s Global Barnyard.
- III.) **Approve March Agenda** – Jerry moved that the March agenda be approved; Sarah seconded; motion carried.
- IV.) **Approve February Minutes** - Penelope moved that the February 2021 minutes be approved; Jerry seconded; motion carried.
- V.) **Review and Approve Treasurer’s Report** – Lloyd noted that the PPP loan has been officially “forgiven.” He also indicated that income during February was somewhat lower. He clarified the difference between paying for Synod Assembly and our donations to the Synod. Amanda moved the February 2021 Treasurer report be approved; Jerry seconded; motion carried.
- VI.) **Pastor and Team Reports** – Pastor noted that we will use The Mission Table book for Council devotions and encouraged members to bring undistributed Barnyard Boxes to outdoor worship on March 28.
- VII.) **Trinity New Hope** – Jerry noted that there are two vacant units. One has been turned and will be rented this weekend; the other will require several weeks work before rental. A group of LDS volunteers will paint the doors. The next board meeting is in April.
- VIII.) **Goals during Pandemic** – After discussion, Jerry moved that we keep the three current pandemic goals (see above) and add a fourth goal of “Plan for Safe Return”. Sarah seconded; motion carried.

IX.) **Old Business**

- a. **2020 Financials/Treasurer Position – Task Force** – After discussion, Jerry moved we empower our current Audit Committee to assist in reconciling the 2020 financials and appoint a different set of people to the task force for the Treasurer position. Amanda seconded; motion carried.
- b. **Church Calendar going forward** – Pastor went over the dates of upcoming services and activities as listed in the March 11, 2021, letter to the congregation. The new sound system has capacity to project onto the patio. As it warms up, the plan is to have one in-person indoor plus one in-person outdoor worship service per month, perhaps on Wednesday nights. Penelope mentioned a possible yard sale; since so many articles are already stored in Pastor's garage. That could happen when her subdivision does its yearly yard sale. Amanda and perhaps Karissa Armbrust will help pricing and selling.

X.) **New Business**

- a. **Six-month review of PayPal** (tabled from February) – Penelope reviewed highlights of the PayPal review information included in the Council packet. We have had 12-15 different families using PayPal, primarily to make gifts in addition to monthly checks or bank transfers. One household uses PayPal for recurring monthly donations. We have received nearly \$5000 since 8/17/2020. Lloyd and Karissa Armbrust spend a combined total of less than 1 hour/month of extra time due to PayPal. There has been insufficient additional donations to defray \$71.43 of the fees. Council members voiced that the benefits of having an online giving platform outweigh the costs. Penelope moved we continue with PayPal, reviewing it again in March 2022, and changing the suggested donation posted on the church website to 4%; Jerry seconded; motion carried.
- b. **Task Force for \$17,000 available from PPP loan forgiveness** – Members indicated that some of this money should be held in reserve since the pandemic is not over yet. Task Force recommendations should come to Council first, then to a Special Voters' Meeting. Lloyd, Jerry and Pastor volunteered to be on the task force. Others invited will include Andrew Hanson, Janet Metzger and Larry Mills.

XI.) **Lord's Prayer**

- XII.) **Adjournment** – at 8:04pm by Sarah Henthorn - Our next meeting will be on the lawn on April 15<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting, with Caitlin linked online. Jerry moved to adjourn; Sarah seconded; motion carried.