

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 20, 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** – at 7:01 pm by Sarah Henthorn. Also present: Jerry Armbrust, Sandy Blom, Mwajuma Dusabe, Amanda Hanson, Lloyd Kellar, Pastor Meggan Manlove, Carl Radke, Penelope Smith. Quorum (7) met. Absent: Tom Friddle, Patrick Kelly, and Caitlin McHugh
- II.) **Opening Devotions** – Pastor Meggan led devotions on Chapter 1 of The Mission Table. She also discussed her role as pastor (from her call letter) and the need for more volunteers to help during worship services, particularly since 8 people who had been very involved with Sunday worship are now no longer here to help. Penelope explained the 2021 Time and Talent sheets; Council members filled out their sheets at the meeting.
- III.) **Approve May Agenda** – Item **IX c** was amended to read “Task Force recommendations for Pandemic Surplus”. Jerry moved that the amended May agenda be approved; Sandy seconded; motion carried.
- IV.) **Approve April Minutes** – Item **IX c** was amended to read “Task Force for Pandemic Surplus”. Penelope moved that the April 2021 minutes be approved as amended; Jerry seconded; motion carried.
- V.) **Review and Approve April Treasurer’s Report** – Lloyd identified an issue with posting a check that had been printed/cashed. There is an item posted as “special music” that was actually “worship resources”. On the Jan–Apr 2021 Profit & Loss statement, the total 2021 budget is listed as \$318,724.19, double what the voters approved at the 2021 Annual Meeting. Higher than expected copier expenses were explained, with a request to call the company for more specific details. A Worker’s Compensation check was written but was not posted to the report. Savings is part of the budget but was not included in the report. For these reasons, Penelope moved to defer approving the April 2021 Treasurer’s Report until the June Council meeting, allowing time for the April P&L and the January-April P&L reports to be corrected. Jerry seconded; motion carried.

- VI.) **Pastor and Team Reports** – Pastor provided information about Trinity New Hope and Trinity Community Gardens. She will be the speaker on an upcoming podcast of the Nampa South Stake of the LDS Church.
- VII.) **Trinity New Hope** – The Board met recently. All units are occupied. A group of 60 volunteers from four local LDS Wards painted the doors of the Trinity New Hope houses.
- VIII.) **Goals during Pandemic** – Goals are being met, including our plan for safe return.
- IX.) **Old Business**
- a. **Audit Committee** – Tami Robinson’s report indicated that they have met twice and needed files have been received from the Treasurer. The committee has just started reviewing things and suggests that the Council delay making recommendations on the pandemic surplus until the amount of available money is confirmed.
 - b. **Church Calendar going forward** –Worship and Music decided to hold a series of fellowship activities instead of mid-week services. These include Lawn Games & Crafts 6/3, Taco Tuesday at Grace Episcopal 7/6, and the Church CampOut 7/30-8/1. The COVID19 Task Force recommends continuing current protocols for the near future. This includes wearing face masks for activities indoors; masks are recommended but not required for outdoor activities. They are monitoring the Canyon County case rate, currently at 10/100k and in the “unsafe to gather” category. Once the rate hits 5/100k, the Task Force indicates it would be safe to sing indoors with masks. Having some type of “reentry ceremony” (the reverse of the Maundy Thursday stripping of the altar) was discussed. On the June Council agenda will be a discussion of a variety of “ramping up” activities that intentionally re-establish relationships between members who have not been together for 16 months or more.
 - c. **Task Force for the “Pandemic Surplus”** – The Task Force submitted three recommendations for using the pandemic surplus. Lloyd noted that, at present, this amount is around \$15,000. Critical HVAC issues are being diagnosed. The Jan-Apr 2021 P&L report shows nearly \$3900 remaining in the annual R&M budget, which should cover diagnosis and minor repairs. Council concluded that we will defer further discussion on the pandemic surplus until evaluation of the HVAC needs are completed.
- X.) **New Business**
- XI.) **Lord’s Prayer**
- XII.) **Adjournment** – Sarah moved that we adjourn; Jerry seconded; motion carried. At 8:20pm Sarah Henthorn adjourned the meeting.