

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2022

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 for 2022:

1. *Clean up financial processes and reporting*
2. *Emphasize faith stories: in circles, in worship, online and about giving.*

- I.) **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm by Jerry Armbrust.
Also Present: Karissa Armbrust, Sandy Blom, Mwajuma Dusabe, Edith Hannett, Amanda Hanson, Pastor Meggan Manlove, Dean Metzger, Carl Radke, David Sheriff, and Penelope Smith. A quorum (7) was met.
- II.) **Opening Devotions** – were led by Pastor and were about “core sin.”
- III.) **Approve March Agenda** – Dean moved that the agenda be approved; Carl seconded; motion carried.
- IV.) **Approve February Minutes** – These were approved 2.26.2022 by email vote.
- V.) **Review and Approve February Treasurer’s Report** – Karissa gave more specific information about the various “savings” accounts, including that “S1 Savings” is actually a holding account that receives electronic transfers (such as PayPal and direct deposits from donors) and S2.1 holds three months mortgage payments (a requirement of the lender). Penelope moved to approve the February Treasurer’s Report; Dean seconded; motion carried.
- VI.) **Pastor and Team Reports** – Discussed turning in team reports when each team meets or has planned or completed an activity. This is one way to keep the congregation informed.
- VII.) **Trinity New Hope** – has signed a contract with a different firm – All Season’s Lawn Care; they will do mowing, trimming, sweeping and snow removal. Trinity New Hope pays for the church’s lawn care/snow removal in exchange for using office space in the church building. The church has a separate contract with PermaGreen for fertilizing and weed control.
- VIII.) **Goals for 2022 – Goal 1)** When people designate their Thrivent Choice Dollars as gifts to the church, these come to us as electronic transfers; they land in the “S1 Savings” account. Discussed how these gifts should be used. David moved that Thrivent Choice Dollars be routed to the general fund; Carl seconded; motion carried. Karissa suggested that we later discuss the frequency of changing check signers, to clarify her process for February 2023.
- IX.) **Old Business** –

a) NCCU Signers – Karissa has completed the paperwork for the new signers.

b) Team Liaison Assignments – Dean will be liaison to Communications; Edith will be the second liaison to Gospel and Growth.

c) Narthex Double Doors to the Patio. – Jerry has not received a response from ISI. He notes that the push bar, rods and handles all need to be replaced; this hardware is likely original to the doors. Discussed replacing hardware to the south-facing narthex doors also.

d) Idaho Gives – will be May 2nd – May 5th. Stewardship suggested that we focus on different causes on different days (to connect to different groups of potential donors). 5/3 would be a property need; 5/4 would be a community need; 5/5 would be a youth need. Pastor will check if Idaho Gives would allow the church to use some donor incentives (such as a Pampered Chef gift card, etc).

X.) **New Business**

a. Utilizing Time and Talent Excel Information – Penelope explained that one excel relates to people volunteering on Sunday morning. This information is helpful to Pastor, Worship & Music, and Hospitality. The other covers volunteering beyond the Sunday worship service; this information is helpful to all teams. It is important to be familiar with volunteers and actually call upon those who have volunteered.

b. Easter Worship and Easter Brunch – We will have a Brunch before worship on Easter Sunday; there is a book with information in one of the kitchen drawers and Judy Kellar has organized this in the past. Epistle deadline is March 21st (for starting to publicize the event).

c. April Meeting – Pastor will be gone on April 19th. Council will meet then anyway.

d. Review PayPal – We have receive \$3,500 in donations through PayPay during 2022. We have a notice online telling people they can give a bit extra to defray the fees. Dean moved we continue using PayPal; Jerry seconded; motion carried.

e. Chamber of Commerce Membership – This costs \$230/year. We will continue the membership for now.

f. Funds for the Thank You Lunch – Craig Olsen has secured a \$250 Thrivent Action Team card to help with cost of the lunch on April 30th; Pastor has another Thrivent card with a small balance. The meal will be catered by Silver City Barbecue including pork sandwiches, sides, utensils and plates. The church will handle beverages and dessert. Dean moved we pay for the balance of the meal, up to \$500, from Pastor's Discretionary Fund; David seconded; motion carried.

g. Soup Suppers – Liaisons were asked to sign up for set up and clean up – do this for themselves and their teams, then communicate to the team members. And sign up to bring soup too.

h. Thank Trish – Trish Bishop's last day as organist will be March 27th. Sandy will get a cake from Costco and organize fellowship time for that day. There will be a \$75 gift card also.

XI.) **Lord's Prayer** –

XII.) **Adjournment** – Dean moved the meeting be adjourned; Mwajuma seconded; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Jerry at 8:22 pm.

Penelope J Smith, March 15, 2022