

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 17, 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 7:00 pm by Jerry Armbrust. Also Present: Karissa Armbrust, Sandy Blom, Mwajuma Dusabe, Amanda Hanson, Pastor Meggan Manlove. Dean Metzger, Carl Radke, David Sheriff, and Penelope Smith. Absent: Edith Hannett. A quorum (7) was met.
- II.) **Opening Devotions** – were led by Penelope, discussing the best and most challenging things about being our ages.
- III.) **Approve May Agenda** – Dean moved that the agenda be approved; Carl seconded; motion carried.
- IV.) **Approve April Minutes** – Dean moved that the minutes be approved; Pastor Meggan seconded; motion carried.
- V.) **Review and Approve April Treasurer's Report** – Karissa explained the amounts available for general spending and those designated, with information about balances in various specific accounts (roof fund, three-month mortgage fund, etc). Electronic giving averages \$2,000 per month. Penelope moved to approve the April Treasurer's Report; David seconded; motion carried.
- VI.) **Pastor and Team Reports** – Nothing was highlighted
- VII.) **Trinity New Hope** – has one unit vacant, being prepared for the next residents. The light in the office was replaced by an electrician.
- VIII.) **Goals for 2022 – Goal 1)** Discussed the frequency of changing the signers on the church checking account. The consensus was to do this yearly in February when new Council members take office. **Goal 2)** Faith stories were emphasized during Idaho Gives, at the Thank You Trinity event, and on the green leaves added to the sanctuary tree.

ELCA Future Directions 2025 – We went into small groups to brainstorm goals 2, 3, and 4:

- 1) A thriving church spreading the gospel and deepening faith for all.
- 2) A church equipping people for their baptismal vocations in the world and this church.

3) An inviting and welcoming church that reflects and embraces the diversity of our communities and the gifts and opportunities that diversity brings

4) A visible church deeply committed to working ecumenically and with other people of faith for justice, peace and reconciliation in communities and around the world.

5) A well-governed, connected and sustainable church.

IX.) Old Business –

a) Narthex Double Doors to the Patio – Jerry obtained several bids to replace the hardware in the four narthex doors. David moved that we hire AAA Locks and use Idaho Gives day 1 (no theme) and day 2 (property) proceeds, supplemented by money from the roof fund, to cover the approximately \$3,000 cost of getting new hardware for the four narthex doors. Amanda seconded; motion carried.

b) Idaho Gives – brought in \$1555 during the 4 days: day 1 (no theme) \$290; day 2 (property) \$210; day 3 (discretionary fund) \$485; day 4 (youth trip) \$570. \$700 came from people outside the congregation.

c) Sidewalks around the church – Jerry inspected these, finding just one major issue. He has talked with Darrel Miller, who will contact the contractor who did similar work for the church in the past, waiting until the ground settles from the winter.

d) Rebuilding Hospitality Ministry – Sandy and Amanda reported that the brainstorming group has not met yet.

X.) New Business -

a. Summer Worship Time – Discussed changing worship time during the summer; the consensus was to leave it at 10:00 am.

b. Electrical Proposal – Trinity New Hope had a contractor replace their office fixture with LED. During this process, he proposed that the fixtures for the rest of the church could be replaced with LED for about \$3000. Pastor Meggan noted that families of deceased members prefer to have memorial donations directed toward specific projects, and replacement lighting would be a good project. Penelope suggested that a combined meeting of Memorial Committee and Property Team (with others knowledgeable of Trinity's property needs) with a goal to compile a wish list of future projects. In addition, there may be Endowment Fund distribution money available for property projects.

c. Wells Fargo Youth Account –

1) The signers need to be changed. Joyce Becht would continue as a signer, along with

the current Treasurer. Penelope moved that Lloyd Kellar (previous Treasurer) be removed as a signer and Karissa Armbrust (current Treasurer) be added as a signer to the Wells Fargo Youth Account; David seconded; motion carried.

2) Rather than having Pastor use her personal credit card during the youth trip, submitting receipts afterward, it was suggested that chaperones carry some type of card during the trip. Merits of various kinds of cards were discussed. Dean moved that, based on the budget for the trip, a debit card should be pre-loaded; David seconded; motion carried.

d. Items for Audit - Karissa provided a long list of items that she will supply to the church Audit Committee, asking if there were any items she had omitted. None were identified.

e. Myrtle Collaboration Gift – Pastor Meggan has been part of “Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose Initiative”, an interfaith group investigating how we consider our vocations as individuals, congregations and communities; its purpose was to envision ways to spend a \$70,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment. For her participation, Trinity received a gift of \$5,000. We started the process of determining how best to use this gift.

XI.) **Lord’s Prayer** –

XII.) **Adjournment** – Dean moved the meeting be adjourned; Carl seconded; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by Jerry at 8:51 pm.

Penelope J Smith, May 17, 2022