

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
July 19, 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 7:06 pm by Jerry Armbrust. Also present: Karissa Armbrust, Mwajuma Dusabe, Edith Hannett, Amanda Hanson, Pastor Meggan Manlove, Dean Metzger, David Sheriff, and Penelope Smith. Absent: Sandy Blom and Carl Radke. A quorum (6) was met.
- II.) **Opening Devotions** – by Pastor Meggan on how we fit ourselves into God’s plan and agenda, rather than setting our own agenda and figuring out how to fit God into it.
- III.) **Approve July Agenda** – Pastor asked Bazaar be added under new business X.) d. Penelope moved that the amended agenda be approved; Dean seconded; motion carried.
- IV.) **June Minutes** – had been approved by an email vote on June 22nd.
- V.) **Review and Approve June Treasurer’s Report** – Karissa presented the financials. It was noted that the \$12,500 grant for Stewardship for all Seasons was received and disbursed. Council voted to approve the Treasurer’s Report.

Jerry presented information on the sanctuary air conditioning unit. The service technician found that the compressor had rusted allowing Freon to leak out, and running the unit without Freon blew out the circuit board. The unit is no longer under warrantee. Estimate to replace the compressor, purge and refill the R22 Freon is \$5,179.34. There is \$2,706.02 remaining in the 2022 Repair & Maintenance budget, and \$4,500 in the S1 account remaining from the mortgage refinance. Dean moved that we fund the air conditioning repair using the remaining R&M budget plus \$2,500 from the S1 account; David seconded; motion carried.

The church constitution **C12.05c** allows church council to authorize expenditures outside of what has been budgeted, up to a limit of \$3,000. Larger expenditures require approval of the voters at a special voters meeting **C10.02** and **C10.03**, which must be announced at two Sunday services plus notices sent by mail and email at least 10 days prior to that meeting. This delays decisions by 10 – 14 days, which is problematic in urgent situations. That \$3,000 limit was established many years ago. Pastor Meggan suggested that the constitution be amended at the January 2023 voter meeting, raising the limit above \$3,000.

- VI.) **Pastor and Team Reports** – Nothing was highlighted

VII.) **Trinity New Hope** – a mid-year thank you letter went out to donors. Jerry notes that one unit is in transition. The tenant failed to report a water leak, mold was found and is being abated.

VIII.) **Goals for 2022 – Goal 1) a.** There were no further questions following Tami McHugh's presentation in June.

Goal 1) b. Karissa, Dean and Pastor will form a task force to reorganize the structure of the budget.

Goal 2) Stewardship has focused on telling faith stories in July. Stories from Phil Cronk and Mary Braudrick have been posted on YouTube. The youth returning from Minneapolis will share stories on 7/31. The Old Testament lesson 8/21 is about the call of Jeremiah; Dean Metzger and Bryce Quarve will share their mid-life career change stories that Sunday.

IX.) **Old Business –**

a) Rebuilding Hospitality Ministry– Amanda, Edith and Sandy will try to hold a brainstorming meeting after church in August.

b) Partnership with West Middle School – Pastor met with the librarian on July 19th. The 21st Century Club would like to hold weekly literacy events at Trinity, on Tuesday or Wednesday. There is also discussion of partnering with CWI in September to do something for West related to “God’s Work, Our Hands.”

X.) **New Business -**

a. Parking Fundraiser in Caldwell – Faith Lutheran has provided yearly parking assistance for Caldwell Night Rodeo. This year’s rodeo is July 28 – 31. Faith asked if Trinity would like to send a crew of 4 to cover 4:00 – 8:00 pm on one of these nights, with anticipation of making \$200-\$300. Council felt this might be possible in a future year, with at least one month’s advance notice.

b. Review Gift Acceptance Policy – Council members read through the policy that was originally approved in July 2020. No changes were suggested. Jerry moved to approve this policy for another two years; David seconded; motion carried.

c. Homework for Stewardship for All Seasons – The next step in the SAS process is for the congregation to identify 3-4 ministry initiatives to be highlighted during the fall financial appeal. Council reviewed ideas brainstormed at its June meeting and added extras, with members noting which two they found most interesting. The largest interest was in more Bible and book studies in the evenings, exploring faith practices, ethnic meal/cooking events, and parking lot events. In addition, votes went to increasing financial support of camperships, intergenerational Sunday School, and getting together

with other faiths and denominations. Stewardship will refine these initiatives at its 7/20 meeting

d. Bazaar – Karissa will hold a brainstorming meeting on August 14th. Particularly needed is a crew to run the kitchen and a sweets substitute for the cinnamon rolls which are no longer available.

XI.) **Lord's Prayer** –

XII.) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned by Jerry at 8:23 pm.

Penelope J Smith, July 19, 2022