

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
August 16, 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 7:04 pm by Jerry Armbrust. Also present: Karissa Armbrust, Edith Hannett, Pastor Meggan Manlove, Dean Metzger, Carl Radke, David Sheriff, and Penelope Smith. Absent: Sandy Blom, Mwajuma Dusabe, and Amanda Hanson. A quorum (6) was met.
- II.) **Opening Devotions** – by Pastor Meggan on the call of Jeremiah.
- III.) **Approve August Agenda** – Pastor asked “Offering Counters” be added under New Business X.) a. Dean moved that the amended agenda be approved; Carl seconded; motion carried.
- IV.) **July Minutes** – David move the July minutes be approved; Dean seconded; motion carried.
- V.) **Review and Approve July Treasurer’s Report** – Karissa presented the financials, including the flow of funds used to pay for the narthex door hardware and air-conditioning repair. Due to the wording of the motion approved in July, there still remains a small amount that needs to be moved from S1 account to cover the balance of the air-conditioning repair bill. Dean moved that the remainder of the air-conditioning repair bill be funded from the S1 account; Jerry seconded, motion carried. Dean moved the July Treasurer report be approved; Jerry seconded; motion carried. Members felt that Trinity should have a seasonal HVAC maintenance scheduled for March 2023. Dean noted that a locksmith will replace the locks on the exterior sign at cost of \$150-\$200, paid from the Repair/Maintenance budget.
- VI.) **Pastor and Team Reports** – Trinity and 1st United Presbyterian Church will do a “teacher” swap this fall, with their minister leading a Trinity Monday morning group session and Pastor Meggan leading a class there. There will likely be an upcoming pulpit swap. A Thrivent representative will give a short talk on August 21st and bring cookies. Dean will start the coffee.
- VII.) **Trinity New Hope** – Jerry noted that work on the grading has begun. There are more units with water damage, mostly covered by insurance, and five air-conditioners have needed to be replaced. Trinity New Hope is using a brown shed that is located on church land. Discussed options including that a new concrete pad could be poured on TNH land and the

shed be moved – or – TNH could carry an insurance rider to cover loss/damage to their property located on land that they do not own. Karissa will explore the cost of such a rider, and TNH will be updated about these options.

VIII.) **Goals for 2022 – Goal 1)** Karissa is working on the SOPs for the upcoming Audit Committee meeting. She is also working on a new budget draft and will get the signers on the Endowment Fund changed.

Goal 2) The Old Testament lesson for 8/21 is about the call of Jeremiah; Dean Metzger and Bryce Quarve will share their mid-life career change stories that day. There are a number of stories written in response to the February request; we discussed how these might be used. Dean will type up the content so all Council members have the opportunity to read these stories. David felt it is important for these people to receive a formal thanks for sharing and inspiring us. We may want to use some of these stories as video interviews or as submissions to the Advent Daily Devotional booklet.

IX.) **Old Business –**

a) Rebuilding Hospitality Ministry– This group has not yet met.

b) Stewardship for All Seasons – Pastor noted that we are in the process of creating 3-4 new ministry initiatives, based on brainstorming done at prior Council meetings. One will be on continued ministry excellence (requesting increased giving to meet the increased costs). Another (internal) will relate to learning and faith practices. Council did further work on the “external” initiative revolving around the themes of connection to a diverse community, particularly youth. Under Youth: a community youth group, partnerships with West Middle School and CWI Hispanic students, and Learning Peace: A Camp for Kids. Under Community: connecting with our Trinity New Hope and West Middle School neighbors, perhaps through more parking lot events and partnering with other church communities. It was felt that much is already happening, but that we lack a cohesive communication strategy, so few people know about it.

c) Budget Line Item Task Force – has not met yet.

X.) **New Business -**

a. Offering Counters - Amanda and Edith will count 8/28; Edith and David 9/4.

XI.) **Lord’s Prayer –**

XII.) **Adjournment –** The meeting was adjourned by Jerry at 8:27 pm.