

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 21, 2023

*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 7:01 pm by Jerry Armbrust. Also present: Karissa Armbrust, Sierra Armbrust, Sandy Blom, Kirsten Floyd, Edith Hannett, Gary Jantzen, Pastor Meggan Manlove, Dean Metzger, Carl Radke, David Sheriff, and Penelope Smith. Absent: Mwavuma Duvabe and Amanda Hanson. A quorum (6) was met.
- II.) **Opening Devotions** – Pastor read from Romans 12 about the different gifts/functions of the different members of a church community, but it's still one church; and led an opening prayer.
- III.) **Approve February Agenda** – Dean moved that the agenda be approved; Edith seconded; motion carried.
- IV.) **January Minutes** – Jerry moved the January minutes be approved; Carl seconded; motion carried.
- V.) **Review and Approve January Treasurer's Report** – Karissa presented the financials, explaining the various accounts and documents. Penelope moved the January Treasurer report be approved; Dean seconded; motion carried.
- VI.) **Pastor and Team Reports** – Pastor noted that team liaisons are responsible for getting written reports submitted but can delegate writing those reports to someone on the team. These reports go into the Council packet and later the Epistle. Worship and Music has been busy (see email with report). New and existing Council members will be installed at worship on February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- VII.) **Trinity New Hope** – All Seasons Lawn Care has been contracted for 2023. There is one unit vacant. Judy Kellar has left the board after several decades of service, and was given a quilt rack and spa gift card. Steve VanAtter is leaving at the end of February, having been maintenance manager after 5 years.
- VIII.) **Goals** –
  - a. **New Council Goals will be set in March** – the 2022 goals were reviewed.
  - b. **2023 Ministry Initiatives progress** – The "Tough Conversations" workshop will be in the fall and is now in the planning stages.

## IX.) **Old Business –**

**a. Heat Pumps** – We received a quote from Western Heating, over \$60,000 to replace two heat pump units. We received a quote from Air Dynamics for over \$30,000 to add two new gas furnaces but the quote does not include demolition work. Next step will be a task force to explore options and secure quotes. On the task force will be Jerry Armbrust, Karissa Armbrust, Kirsten Floyd, Andrew Hanson, and Dean Metzger. Lloyd Kellar will be asked to participate in the task force.

**b. Reminder about Saturday 2/25** – “Draft Day” will be held in the sanctuary from 9:00 – noon on Saturday 2/25.

**c. Midyear Fundraiser** – is recommended as an opportunity for people who like to donate to special appeals. In past Trinity has participated in Idaho Gives, and about 50% of the donations have come from outside the congregation. Property and Worship & Music teams were asked for suggestions. Those included concrete parking bumpers, painting the fellowship hall, a sun shade/kite for the patio, adding sustainable bee-friendly plants to the landscaping, a new crèche, locally designed and quilted banners for the green seasons, and a new brass chalice. Council felt that focus on seed money for the heat pump replacement, the sun shade, and the bee-friendly plants would resonate with a variety of donors.

**d. Passions and Gifts** – 47 have been completed/returned. These are one per member of the household. The forms were circulated to council, for those who had not yet completed their forms.

## X.) **New Business -**

### **a. Elections of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.**

Penelope nominated Jerry for President; Dean seconded. No others were interested in running. Penelope moved to close nominations; Dean seconded. Jerry was elected President by unanimous voice vote.

Dean nominated Carl for Vice President; Jerry seconded. No others were interested in running. Dean moved to close nominations; Jerry seconded. Carl was elected Vice President by unanimous voice vote.

Penelope nominated Dean for Secretary; Kirsten seconded. No others were interested in running. Penelope moved to close nominations; Kirsten seconded. Dean was elected Secretary by unanimous voice vote.

David nominated Karissa for Treasurer; Edith seconded. No others were interested in running. David moved to close nominations; Edith seconded. Karissa was elected Treasurer by unanimous voice vote.

**b. Team/Committee Liaisons –**

Christian Education & Youth – Sierra Armbrust	Mutual Ministry – Carl Radke
Church in Community – Dean Metzger	Property – Jerry Armbrust & Gary Jantzen
Communications – Sandy Blom	Stewardship – Dean Metzger
Gospel and Growth – David Sheriff	Trinity New Hope – Carl Radke
Hospitality – Edith Hannett	Worship & Music – Kirsten Floyd

**c. Check Signing and Signatures** – Karissa explained the check signing process. It was discussed and resolved that Penelope Smith would be removed as a signer on the Northwest Christian Credit Union Account. David Sheriff, Carl Radke and Karissa Armbrust would remain as signers with Kirsten Floyd being added as an additional signer. Forms were completed after the meeting

**d. Offering Counting** – Karissa gave a detailed overview of the offering counting process, including how to deal with Noisy Offering coin. Pastor will send out a SignUp Genius link for people to select dates to count. New council members should sign up with a veteran for the first few times. Writing legibly was stressed. 4 copies of the counting sheet need to be made: original plus calculator tape to Kristina Radke; 1 copy to Pastor and to Bob Cola, and two copies to Karissa (so she has a copy at home to field questions).

**e. Set Spring Cleaning Date** – The spring Clean Up Day will be on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am – Noon. The list of tasks will be posted earlier, allowing people to come in and complete tasks prior to clean up day.

**f. Nampa Faith Leaders Dinner – 3/23 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm** – Kirsten will attend with Pastor Meggan.

**g. Mark Yaconelli coming to Trinity April 20 (also Learning Peace?)** – Pastor gave information about this event hosted at Trinity

XI.) **Lord's Prayer** –

XII.) **Adjournment** - Penelope moved and Jerry seconded that the meeting be adjourned; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Jerry at 8:34 pm.

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Jerry Armbrust, Council President

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Carl Radke, Council Vice President or Dean Metzger, Council Secretary

Dean Metzger, February 21, 2023