

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
May 16, 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 2023:*

1. *Address HVAC needs for church community.*
2. *Council Orientation Plan.*
3. *Facilitate Succession Planning.*

- I.) **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Jerry Armbrust. Also present: Karissa Armbrust, Kirsten Floyd, Pastor Meggan Manlove, Dean Metzger, Carl Radke, David Sheriff, Edith Hannett, Sandy Blom. Absent: Sierra Armbrust, Gary Jantzen. A quorum (6) was met.
- II.) **Opening Devotions** – Jerry led Devotions Chapter 3 from Called by God to Serve. Small group discussions addressed the questions at the end of the chapter and were shared with the larger group.
- III.) **Approve May Agenda** – Added updates to the agenda and Pastor moved that the agenda be approved as amended; Kirsten seconded; motion carried.
- IV.) **Approve April Minutes** – Carl moved to approve April Minutes and Kirsten Seconded. Motion passed.
- V.) **Review and Approve Treasurer’s Report** – Karissa presented the financials, explaining the various accounts and documents. David moved to move the Myrtle Collaboration funds into the General Fund and Edith Seconded. Motion passed. Dean moved the April Treasurer report be approved; Jerry seconded; motion passed.
- VI.) **Pastor and Team Reports** – Received reports from Gospel and Growth, Stewardship.
- VII.) **Trinity New Hope** – Received approval from IHFA for deferment of principal and Interest payments on the HOME loan and Principal payments on the AHIT loan. Raised \$24,000 during Idaho Gives. Still waiting on work being done for some legislation to simplify processes and procedures for affordable housing in Idaho. However, work is still being done with the assistance of some other

affordable housing groups. Awaiting some additional detail from the Trinity New Hope team regarding this work.

VIII.) **Council Goals-**

1. HVAC needs – Dean and Jerry provided an update. Next meeting will be on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 6:30pm to review bids and make a recommendation to Council.

IX.) **Old Business –**

**a. Midyear Fundraiser** – Achieved approximately \$6400

**b. Assembly Resolutions** – Reviewed Assembly Resolutions from Synod Assembly and copies were distributed to Council members.

X.) **New Business –**

- a. Peace Camp Board – Pastor attended Peace Camp meeting and provided an update to council regarding potential changes to agreement regarding fees and dues. A new agreement was reached for current year.
- b. Ministry Initiatives for 2024 – Dean provided an update and assigned homework for council members to develop what they would like to see for Ministry Initiatives for 2024. Requests due by end of May. Dean will consolidate and send out email updates to the council to get final agreements.
- c. Pastoral Compensation Planning Discussion – Council had a discussion around what occurs during the July time frame when Pastor goes off payroll. Kirsten Floyd agreed to put together an outline of the discussed plan that we can then approve through the council and communicate with the congregation.
- d. Ending Pastor Meggan's Call at Trinity
  1. Last Sunday – May 21 (leave-taking at end of worship) – Jerry to Assist with leadership portion.
  2. Goodbye Party – June 19
  3. Installation as Bishop – Oct. 7 Cathedral of the Rockies

4. Emergency Pastoral Care – July on. Dependent on what happens with Interim pastor availability.
  5. Visiting Homebound Members
    1. Dianne Siewart, Marilyn Kirkness (Penelope and Sharon), Helen Hatton (Penelope and Sharon), Helen Collins, George and Sharon Hurd, Wendell and Mona-Lisa Regiers, Margaret Booth (Penelope and Sharon), Wards (Penelope and Sharon)
    2. Will need to have assistance to visit folks that typically Pastor has been taking care of.
  6. Proofreading – Penelope, Tami Robinson, Mary Braudrick, Di Seba met with Pastor and developed a calendar to take on proofreading duties.
  7. Website and FB Page – Sarah Henthorn to take on updating announcements and changes on these sites.
  8. Zoom – Professional Account fees due June 15<sup>th</sup>. Dean to take on ownership of the account. Monday Study Group (Penelope Smith or Edith Hadnett) and Council will need recurring meetings.
  9. Confirmation Co-op Communicator and rotating leaders – Pastor to ask Pat Benoit to help facilitate both communications and the mentors that are helping out.
  10. Exit Interview – We will be having an exit interview with Pastor. Council will be following up with Janet Metzger, Kim Mills, and Terry Blom to conduct the interview.
- e. Call Committee and Transition – Kirsten made the motion to have Phil start contract negotiations with potential interim pastor duties. Carl Radke seconded. The motion passed.
1. Jerry made motion that we will have a single call committee made up of 6 members of the congregation that will be responsible for putting together Ministry and Life and the call/transition process. Kirsten seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. Discussion regarding potential call committee members was held and additional work to be completed.

XI.) **Lord's Prayer** –

XII.) **Adjournment** - Jerry moved and Edith seconded that the meeting be adjourned; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Jerry at 9:00 pm