

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 20, 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 7:03 pm by Jerry Armbrust. Also present: Karissa Armbrust, Kirsten Floyd, Pastor Meggan Manlove, Dean Metzger, Carl Radke, Sandy Blom, Sierra Armbrust. Absent: David Sheriff, Edith Hannett, Gary Jantzen. A quorum (6) was met.
- II.) **Opening Devotions** – Sierra led Devotions Chapter 4 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 June Agenda** – Added updates to the agenda and Sierra moved that the agenda be approved as amended; Carl seconded; motion carried.
- IV.) **Approve May Minutes** – Jerry moved to approve May Minutes and Kirsten Seconded. Motion passed.
- V.) **Review and Approve Treasurer’s Report** – Karissa presented the financials, explaining the various accounts and documents. Discussions around giving over the summer. Dean moved the May 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. Trinity New Hope will be featured in and upcoming Newsletter issue. 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 details from the Trinity New Hope team regarding this work.

VIII.) **Council Goals-**

1. HVAC needs – Council was presented with 2 options to address HVAC issues for the building. The committee recommendation was to move forward with Western Heating and Air Conditioning based on their quote of \$63,067.00 from 1/20/2023. Kirsten motioned to accept the committee recommendation and was seconded by Carl. Motion carried. Next steps:
 1. HVAC subcommittee determine and outline financing options
 - a. Next meeting – 6/26/23. 6:30 to 7:30 via Zoom
 2. HVAC information meetings for congregation on July 16th and July 23rd
 3. Special Congregation Meeting to vote on HVAC solution – July 30th

IX.) **Old Business –**

a. Ministry Initiatives for 2024 - Stewardship Committee met with GSB to talk about Ministry Initiatives for 2024. During Council, we reviewed that meeting and spent time to identify the following 2024 initiatives:

1. Sustaining hospitality through focus on HVAC issues
2. Pastor transition Nestegg
3. Building New Community Connections

Jerry made the motion to recommend these 3 initiatives to the Stewardship committee from the Church Council. Carl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. Interim Pastor Update – Interim pastor was identified from synod. Name is Barbara Harrison Condon. Council reviewed the pastoral agreement from the synod and council did a round table discussion to ensure understanding of the agreement. Dean made the motion to accept

the interim pastoral agreement for Barbara Harrison Condon to serve as interim pastor starting July 9th, 2023. Kirsten seconded. Motion passed.

c. Call Committee Update – Continued discussion around the make up and timeline for the Call Committee. Will continue to work on this.

d. Update on Ending Pastor Meggan’s Call at Trinity

i. Installation as Bishop – Oct 7 Cathedral of the Rockies at 1PM.

ii. Zoom – Dean has a Zoom account that will replace Pastor’s.

iii. Confirmation Co-Op Communicator and rotating leaders – Update from Pastor

iv. Exit Interviews – Being scheduled

e. Council Members – Gary needed to resign his council seat due to health issues. Will be addressing this during July Council meeting.

X.) **New Business** –

a. **Covid Protocols for Passing of the Peace** – Discussion on going back to pre-covid passing of the peace procedures. Make sure that congregation is being respectful of people’s body language and preferences.

XI.) **Lord’s Prayer** –

XII.) **Adjournment** - Jerry moved and Carl seconded that the meeting be adjourned; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Jerry at 9:01 pm