

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 7, 2019; 7 pm

Present: Brian McNeill, Mark Grussing, Becky Woitte, Jodee Erickson, Laura Hulterstrum, Jason Anderson, and Hans Helgenset. Also present was Bill Hoberg, church treasurer.

Welcome: President Brian welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pastor's Report: Pastor had parish visits with 17 people; one wedding, and one funeral. Pastor will be on vacation August 30-September 2. SEE Bulletin Board for the full report.

Additions to the Agenda: Locking the church on Sundays

Reports:

Secretary – Becky Woitte: Reviewed and Approved by email.

Financial Secretary – Pam Anderson: Hans made the motion to accept; Laura seconded. Motion passed. Bill and Pam will go over unclassified expenditures and classify them in the correct funds, ie. building, roofing, etc. Bill will email the information to council members.

Treasurer – Bill Hoberg: Mark made the motion to accept; Jodee seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Board of Education and Youth: Laura will talk with Jamie Moe to see when Sunday School starts due to the early start of the 2019-2020 Benson School year. We talked about recognizing teachers and students during Rally Sunday.

Outreach and Community Relations/Backpack Program: No report.

Property and Grounds: There was an issue with the men's toilet backing up into the women's toilet on the main level. Craig's checked and at that time all the toilets were working.

Stewardship and Finance: Did not meet.

Worship and Music: We are seeking members willing to run video system on Sundays. It was asked if a remote wireless mouse could be used so a person would not have to sit in the balcony. This will be brought back to committee for discussion. A purchase of a TV (\$617.74) and TV stand (\$323.19) was made for the fellowship hall, teaching classes, conducting meetings, overflow seating, etc.

Shout Out: Jamie Moe, new Sunday School superintendent and Kelly Michaelson, new Sunday School children's choir director

Old Business:

-The council is looking at a shorter mission statement. Suggestions include: Grow Faith, Serve God, Love Others; Engaging believers on their journey of faith; Worshipping God and loving others; Empowered by God to reach others for Christ; Leading people/guiding people into a relationship with God; or, Living by faith to reach others for Christ. A decision was tabled for our next meeting.

-Locking the church on Sundays: Mark Grussing volunteered to be responsible for locking the church or finding someone to take his place when he is unable to do so.

-Update on roofing project: We received the final payment from insurance of \$1,585.56 for the storm damage to the parsonage and garage. Total received - \$14,499.42.

The final bill for the church is \$115,500. We received \$23,613.17 from insurance initially and will receive \$23,220.15 when the work is complete. A payment of \$65,000 was made

at the start of the project. The church is purchasing supplies directly from the company and we are not taxed.

New Business:

-Recycling. The recycling is not picked up at the church. Cost would be \$6 a month. Discussion on the amount of recyclables generated. It was decided to ask church members to take recyclables home to put with their own.

-New Members: Jason Heinzig, Don and Ruth Plackner. Welcome to Trinity!

-Transfer: Request by Sheri Reuss to transfer to Calvary Lutheran, Park Rapids, MN. Jodee made the motion to approve. Laura seconded. Motion passed.

Informational: We received a framed thank you award from the Benson Girl Scouts for use of the church.

Announcements: August Newsletter articles due August 19. Next Council Meeting is September 4. Email agenda items to Becky by August 28.

Adjourn: President Brian adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Woitte, Council Secretary