

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 4, 2019 Minutes

Welcome by President McNeill at 7:07 pm.

Present: Brian McNeill, Laura Hulterstrum, Stacy Lindahl, Mark Grussing, Hans Helgenset, Jodee Erickson, Jason Anderson, and Becky Woitte. Also present were Pastor Art, Kathy Tweten, and Rochelle Anderson. (Kathy and Rochelle left after giving their committee report which was the first item addressed).

Devotions. Pastor Art prayed for council member Bryon Giese's recovery from his recent ATV accident. Pastor Art had the new TV connected to the video system. He explained that it can be used for overflow seating. Tonight's devotion was from Ephesians, chapter 2 beginning with the 19th verse. Pastor Art then demonstrated the TV/video system by showing a video on where our offering goes.

Pastor's Report. Pastor Art made 19 parish visits. He would like to defer his remaining vacation to 2020 so he is able to spend Christmas with his family over the weekend of January 10-12. Council agreed with the request. The council will work on the last part of *Canoeing the Mountains* at our next council meeting. Pastor Art has been asked by Gustavus college to be the liaison for pastors with 25 or more years of experience. Pastor Art will lead meetings on how to spend a \$1,000,000 grant to provide continuing education programs for pastors. They have to determine how to spend a million dollars in five years and keep it going for another five years. Pastor Art and his group have met twice in August. Pastor Art anticipates that future meetings will be done over the computer and will not have to be in person. SEE Bulletin Board for Pastor Art's full report.

Additions to the Agenda: Donated angel upstairs.

Reports:

Secretary Becky Woitte. Reviewed and Approved by email.

Financial Secretary Pam Anderson. Motion to approve by Hans. Second by Stacy. Motion passed.

Treasurer Bill Hoberg. Motion to approve by Stacy. Second by Jason. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Board of Education and Youth. Rally Sunday is September 8. Committee requested that Pastor Art recognize the Sunday School teachers during the service. Laura will give Pastor Art a list of teachers. Jamie Moe is the new superintendent. She has the teaching schedule done through January. They are short a few teaching spots for the second half of the Sunday School year. Christmas Program is December 15 during the church service. Brian and Julie McNeill are the TIDES leaders and will start meeting in September. They will discuss having the mission trip closer to home this year.

Outreach and Community Relations/Backpack Program. They received \$3,700 from the Sonsteg Endowment. They discussed supporting TEAM Promise and will give \$2,000 towards it. TEAM Promise will start in October. Julie McNeill will be sending letters to the local churches requesting volunteer help.

Property and Grounds. Insurance representatives went through the church and identified several areas that needed attention; namely, emergency lighting on the stairs, lock bolt on an exit door, and a couple of policies. Brian and Jason will address these.

Stewardship and Finance. They reviewed the cost of roofing the church, parsonage and garage. There is a final bill due of \$50,500. This brings the total cost of the entire project to \$126,016.18. So far, we have paid for \$75,516.18 (thus \$50,500 left to pay). We have made payments from the Building and Grounds Large Fund. Currently we have overspent

that fund by approximately \$32,600. So we will need to reimburse that account \$32,600 and pay the remaining \$50,500. We have roughly \$36,500 of insurance money in an account yet. We will receive approximately another \$23,220 from insurance when the project is completed. This will leave us short approximately \$23,800. If we use the following money available: Memorial Fund (\$7,450) Roofing Fund (\$1,800) Building Fund (\$500) Interest Bank of the West (\$1050) Interest First Security (\$200) we will be \$12,800 short. Mark made the motion "per the gift policy, to increase the Building and Grounds Large Fund by 5% and reallocate the other funds proportionally with any residual to come from the Emergency Fund." Laura seconded. Motion passed. This increases the Building and Grounds Large Fund by approximately \$8,600 leaving us \$4,200 short. Some of the funds listed (Memorial, Roofing, Building, Interest) will have updated amounts that will decrease the amount we are short.

Worship and Music. They are seeking members willing to run video system on Sundays.

Shout Out: Volunteers who served coffee during the summer months. Lorri Pederson and Miriam Lindblad, our faithful organists.

Old Business:

-Church mission statement. Brian handed out a sheet of paper with the following statements and asked each member to number their top three choices: 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. Brian will tally the top three and email the information to the Council. We will discuss this next month.

-Update on roofing project: Jason advised that approximately \$300 in sales tax was billed to us. He will talk with the contractor about this. There are a couple of issues that need to be addressed with the roof. One of them is a panel on the northwest side of the church which was cut too short, bent, and then bent back straight and is not attached to anything. The second is a corner piece that is put together with three pieces of steel. Jason and the contractor will do a walk through. Jason will have these areas repaired before the final payment. Brian advised that after the repairs have been made, we will have a special council meeting to approve the work done on the church and approve final payment.

Stacy said that there are large ruts left by equipment during the roofing project. Property and Grounds will look into having the lawn repaired. Ideas suggested included bringing in fill and reseeding grass, wait until the lawn goes through a frost and thaw cycle, or using equipment similar to that used at a golf course.

New Business:

-Donated angel upstairs. It was moved during the roofing project so it would not be damaged and stored in the Sunday School area. After our meeting, President Brian moved the angel to the computer room upstairs as it is not used by the Sunday School.

Announcements: October Newsletter articles are due September 16. Next Council Meeting is October 2. Email agenda items to Becky by September 25.

Adjourned at 8:18 pm by President Brian.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Woitte, Council Secretary