

## **Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes – April 7, 2021**

*Grow Faith, Serve God, Love Others*

**Welcome** by President Brian McNeill at 7:02 PM. Members present were Jason Anderson, Adam Kolander, Toni Lindstrom, Robert Neuman, Diane Schuerman, Maureen Erdman, Jason Heinzig and Jodee Erickson. Also present were Pastor Art and Treasurer Bill Hoberg.

**Devotions** by Pastor Art from John, Chapter 20, on Easter. Jesus appeared to the disciples and said “Peace be with you”. Then he breathed on them and told them “Receive the Holy Spirit”.

**Pastor’s Report** – Pastor Art made numerous visits by phone, computer, texts and emails plus five in-person visits. There were no hospital visits. Pastor Art held five in-person confirmations classes, led five worship services by Zoom, five posted to Facebook, four radio broadcasts, five midweek services with five posted to Facebook. There was one baptism for Mila Grace Girard on March 7, 2021. There were no confirmations, weddings, funerals or counseling sessions. He took two days of vacation and no sick leave.

The SWMN Synod is planning an all online assembly to be held on two successive weekends (June 6 and 11, 12). Because we will be electing the first new bishop for our synod in 18 years, this will allow for the nominating and first elimination ballots to take place the first weekend, time to collect information, video speeches and plan further voting, with the final elimination ballots on the second weekend. **We need the majority of assembly voting members to register before sending out Voter ID and Election Runner information. Assembly Registration will CLOSE May 17!** Candidates will be named on May 11.

The Glacial Ridge Conference Assembly took place on Zoom on March 7 at 3:00 PM. We were represented by Byron Giese and Pastor Art. All business brought before the assembly was approved. We elected a new Conference Chairperson. Byron’s term as Conference Treasurer came to an end. Some positions on the ballot went unfilled.

**Additions to the Agenda** – Shout out to Don and Ruth Plackner for the Easter decorations.

**Secretary Jodee Erickson** – The March minutes were reviewed and approved by email.

**Financial Secretary Pam Anderson** – Motion by Diane to approve with second by Jason H. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Bill Hoberg** – March income was \$28,428.00 and expenses were \$19,682.98. Checking account balance as of March 31, 2021 was \$29,638.25. Motion by Maureen to approve with second by Toni. Motion carried.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Board of Education and Youth** – Marlene Giese volunteered to continue as ROCK leader for the coming year. Vacation Bible School is still under consideration.

**Outreach and Community Relations (B.A.C.K.)** – The committee met and recommended that \$1,000.00 be donated to the food shelf.

Motion by Adam to donate \$1,000.00 to the food shelf with second by Robert . Motion carried.

**Property and Grounds** – The council met prior to the meeting to look at trees that need to be trimmed or removed around the parsonage. Jason A. received an estimate from A.L.T. Tree Service for trimming trees - \$800.00 for trees in the front yard and \$150.00 for trees in the back yard. It was suggested that we could have a work day to clean up the landscaping around the parsonage.

**Worship and Music** – The committee agreed on the purchase to upgrade the Pro-Presenter 6 to the Pro-Presenter 7 for the cost of \$675.00. There is enough money in the Video account to cover this cost.

Motion by Diane to purchase the Pro-Presenter 7 program with second by Toni. Motion carried.

Volunteers will be needed to learn the use of the equipment and for other tasks including Zoom greeters, editing of the services and downloading to Facebook. There will be training sessions held for those who volunteer.

At this time, they feel that they have enough help in place for preparing of the slides. Marlene Giese will continue to schedule readers as needed for now.

It was decided that decisions made on how long to continue with Zoom services will be determined by the number of members using it as the return to in-person attendance increases. Easter services had 66 in-person and 50 on Zoom.

It will be announced that singing and responsive reading by the in-person congregation will be allowed, though masks will still be required.

**Stewardship and Finance** – Did not meet.

**Transition Team** – Survey update – There have been 49 electronic surveys completed and 1 paper survey completed at this time. Brian asked that we remind people to complete the survey. The deadline will be extended through Friday, April 9.

**Shout Outs** – Adam Kolander and Laura Rear for stepping up to learn the computer system and Don and Ruth Plackner for the addition of the beautiful butterflies to the Easter decor.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** – None

**Announcements** – May Newsletter articles are due April 18. The next council meeting is May 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

**Adjourned** by President Brian at 7:55 PM

**Closed with the Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

Jodee Erickson, Council Secretary