

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

*Grow Faith, Serve God, Love Others*

**Welcome** by President Brian McNeill at 7:06 PM. Members present were Adam Kolander, Diane Schuerman, Toni Lindstrom, Jason Anderson, Jason Heinzig, Maureen Erdman, Jodee Erickson and Bill Hoberg. Absent was Robert Neuman.

**Devotions** by President Brian from Psalm 29:11. “May the Lord give strength to his people. May the Lord bless his people with peace.” We need to focus on all the good things in our lives.

**Additions to the agenda** – No additions

### **Reports:**

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

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

**Treasurer Bill Hoberg** – June total income was \$6921.75 and total expenses were \$12,002.86. Checking account balance as of June 30, 2021 was \$22,230.77. Motion by Jason A to approve with second by Diane. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Board of Education and Youth** – Committee did not meet. Sunday School Superintendent Jamie Moe will be working on a template and fall ideas for Sunday School . The committee will then meet later this month to discuss those plans.

**Outreach and Community Relations (B.A.C.K.)** – Did not meet. Adam spoke with Julie McNeill regarding plans for Team Promise.

**Property and Grounds** – The five thermostats need replacing as they are not working properly. There are two choices from Craig’s, Inc. - Honeywell VisionPro Thermostat with touch screen and WiFi capability and Honeywell T6 Pro Thermostat with push buttons and no WiFi capability. Motion by Adam to approve the purchase of five Honeywell VisionPro Thermostats at a cost of \$2,359.00 with second by Maureen. Motion carried.

We have received bids for tree removal and trimming around the parsonage from Mitch Koosman and A.L.T. Tree Services. Bill volunteered to obtain set bids from both for the removal of the two large trees and the birch tree stump with and without clean up. Tabled until the August meeting.

We also have bids for gutters for the church and parsonage. Clarification is needed on those bids before we can proceed. Tabled until the August meeting.

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

**Worship and Music** – Did not meet, but it was reported that various issues have occurred with the recording of services. The council decided that we should take a pause on recording of the services until we have a pastor in place. It would be best if the focus could be working to provide the best quality for in-person worship. Volunteers are still needed to help do the slides.

**Call Committee** – There is an ongoing search by the committee.

**Discussions:**

**Interim update** – As we search for an interim, we will have pulpit supply each Sunday. The Synod could have recorded sermons to use, if a pastor is not available for a given Sunday, with lay people doing the rest of the service. Staying positive is so important.

**Locking the church** – Bill volunteered to do this when Brian is not available.

**Shut-Ins** – This is a concern. Diane would be willing to call on members where needed.

**Confirmation** – If we do not have an interim by September, we will need to have someone work with the confirmands so that their education can continue.

**Pastoral care** – In case of emergencies, we will be working to ensure a pastor is available.

**Old Business:**

**Bids on tree removal and gutters on the church and parsonage** are tabled as outlined in the Property and Grounds report.

**Money to charitable organization** from the Pastor Magnus “Bud” Peterson estate in the amount of \$756.60 – Motion by Diane with second by Toni to donate \$756.60 to Second Harvest. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Parsonage List** – Items that need to be addressed are – Window coverings on all windows; two window screens need to be replaced in the living room; a good cleaning; carpet needs to be replaced on the main level at some point; wait on painting of walls. In the event that the quilters need to move their supplies, it was suggested that possibly the youth could help them with this project.

**Announcements** – August newsletter articles are due by July 19. The next Church Council Meeting will be August 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

**Adjourned** by President Brian at 8:37 PM

**Closed with the Lord’s Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

Jodee Erickson, Council Secretary