

## Trinity Church Council Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2021

**Members present:** Pastor Diane House, Steve Anderson, Lacy Sellent, Kathy Grenquist (Treasurer) and Christine Anderson. Absent: Debbie Wickstrom, Robin Denver, Chris Wetzel

Devotions led by Pastor Diane.

Meeting led by Steven Anderson, no quorum present so the following is a discussion.

### Reports:

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary's Report was reviewed, no corrections or additions.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Trinity has given and received many generous donations over the past month.

Kathy has record of \$850 donations that were sent to the HOPE foundation. Chris Wetzel has more details for the next meeting. Our Thanksgiving pie and lefse raised \$224 for ELCA World Hunger. A member donated \$1000 to Luther Park Bible Camp. Trinity received a generous \$1000 donation designated for the Endowment Fund.

The grant in the amount of \$3000 from the NW Synod of WI for recording equipment has been spent on a new computer, camera and various cords.

Monthly Income	\$5,792.36
Monthly Expenses	-\$13,631.92 (includes bat clean-up, final NW synod donation, etc)
	-\$7,839.56

TLC Checking has \$325. TLC savings has \$60. MIFund has \$33,058.

Our monthly income/expenses look very close this month since many end of the year bills have been paid. Funds were transferred from TLC savings to meet our obligation. We have not needed to move any funds from the MIF at this point, but we have the ability to do so if necessary.

### **Pastor's Report:**

Mustard Seed There is a publication explaining how the funds in MIF (Mission Investment Fund) have been used over the past year. This is posted in the entry for reference. Our investment has helped other congregations start-up or grow in difficult areas/situations!

One License Our account is paid up, but we have been using the incorrect number on our video posts. Christine will contact them to get the correct number.

Live Nativity At Joy Lutheran in Centuria was a wonderful experience! We hope to do more collaborative activities.

Luck Public School contacted pastor for permission to use the church as an off-site learning location for a student who is being fostered in our community. The student would be in the church with a teacher on M, T and Thursdays from 1-3pm starting Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pastor would meet them to let them in. A vote tonight was needed, so Debbie Wickstrom was contacted via text/phone. A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Lacy to allow the church to be used with a teacher present at all times beginning Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Motion passed. Pastor Diane will contact the school.

Winter Theological Event will be Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at Luther Park in Chetek. It is a one day event and Pastor Diane will attend.

### Old Business

**Covid Update:** Council had a intense conversation about the increasing numbers in our area. Masks

are one way to help keep vulnerable people safe when the church is full. Our church is rarely full and most of the congregation is vaccinated and boosted. A reasonable step to take is to move pews apart again. Even though Pastor Diane is vaccinated and boosted, she is visiting people who suffer with cancer and other illnesses and our actions could impact what she could carry with her unknowingly.

**Youth:** Lacy is hoping to plan some outdoor winter activities in the upcoming months. Christine asked about National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.

**Virtual Services:** Services should be uploaded to YouTube as well as Facebook.

**Endowment:** Endowment Committee is recommending the congregation give \$2500 to Jim Springsteen for his final college expenses especially student teaching. This must be approved by the congregation at the annual meeting. Gurine Gall's term has come to an end and she is stepping down.

**Quarterly Mission of the "month":** Jan-March will be Lutheran Disaster Fund. 100% of donations go directly to help with disasters at this time funds are used for recovery efforts from the fall tornado in Kentucky.

**Web Site/Social Media:** Steve has drafted a list of "opportunities for giving" to post. The idea is to provide people trusted organizations looking for donations. There would be 4 categories (Trinity, Local Community, NW Synod of WI, and ELCA/Global.)

**Printer for Trinity:** A suggestion was brought to the council that we get a printer/copier for Trinity for printing thank you letters, treasurer reports, and bulletins. The current copier works and is used for emergencies, single copies, Sunday school copies, etc. Our main printer/copier is at the congregational office at Georgetown. It doesn't seem that a new printer/copier is necessary, but council will ask about use from current groups (Sunday School, WELCA, events).

### **New Business:**

**2022 Budget:** Discussion of 2022 budget was had, the proposed changes will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting on Jan. 23, 2022.

### **Preparation for Annual Meeting:**

We are looking for 3 people to serve on council.

Reports are due to Debbie Wickstrom by Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Annual report will be published by Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> so members can pick up at church or via e-mail prior to the meeting.

Some additional topics to discuss at the annual meeting:

**Nitrate in Water**

**Palt Dinner**

**Bats** (future prevention measures)

**Web-site/social media updates**

**Souper Bowl Sunday:** Possible soup competition and fundraiser with Georgetown on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more details

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council meeting will be Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30pm

Annual meeting Jan. 23, 2022.

Minutes submitted by Christine Anderson