

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Feb. 18, 2021

*Mission: Trinity Lutheran is a place to gather, refresh the faithful, and reach out with word and service to all others through the Holy Gospel*

*Guiding Principles*

1. *God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*
2. *Preach and teach the Good News to everyone*
3. *Witness your faith through actions and words*
4. *Accept and welcome all people*

*Goals during Pandemic:*

1. *Worship Weekly*
2. *Financial Stability*
3. *Communication and Connectedness*

- I.) **Call to Order** - 7:07 pm. Members present: Jerry Armbrust, Sandy Blom, Mary Braudrick, Mwajuma Dusabe, Lloyd Kellar (Treasurer), Tom Friddle, Sarah Henthorn, Patrick Kelly, Pastor Meggan Manlove, Caitlin McHugh, Carl Radke, Tami Robinson, and Penelope Smith. Members absent Amanda Hanson.
- II.) **Opening Devotions** – Pastor Meggan read Diane Helton’s TVPrays Devotion titled “On Lent and Hope”. She followed with a prayer.
- III.) **Approve February Agenda** – Caitlin moved that we approve the February Agenda; Sarah seconded; motion carried.
- IV.) **Approve January Minutes** – Caitlin moved that we approve the January minutes; Sarah seconded; motion carried.
- V.) **Review and Approve Treasurer’s Report** – Lloyd reviewed the report with the council and reported that Peggy Miller, our Accounts Payable Coordinator, was not aware that there would not be a mortgage payment due in February because of the refinance loan and had deducted that amount as usual. That will be corrected next month on the report. Tom moved that we approve the Treasurer’s Report; Caitlin seconded; motion carried.
- VI.) **Pastor and Team Reports** – Penelope reported for Gospel and Growth that the “God’s Global Barnyard” Fundraiser is starting and will run through the end of May. Not every member has picked up their materials so the ones that remain will be divided up between the council members to connect with the people who live in their area. Everyone agreed to help. Penelope will be emailing the council members who will be helping.

- VII.) **Trinity New Hope** – Pastor Meggan reported that TNH has a new board member, Tom Dale, who is a retired County Commissioner. Tami McHugh had reported to Pastor that this was the best year yet financially for TNH. Pastor Meggan was asked to serve on a panel for LEAP Housing Solutions. Others on the panel were Joe Banger, Pastor of Collister United Methodist Church and Kat Tigerman and Karen Hunter from House Next Door. This was a discussion for “Yes in God’s Backyard” to encourage other faith communities to help find solutions for affordable housing.

At TNH the siding is finished on all the houses and there is just a small punch list of items that need fixed to complete the job.

- VIII.) **Goals during Pandemic** – Kim reviewed the goals as listed above. She asked the ongoing council members to discuss whether they wanted to keep the goals the same or change them at the March council meeting. Sarah commented that the council had done a good job during this pandemic year and thanked the outgoing council members. It was said that it was a group effort.

IX.) **Old Business**

- a. 2020 Financials/Treasurer Position – Task Force – As the Executive Committee was preparing for the Annual Meeting, they had some in depth discussions about ways to make the Treasurer’s job easier. Lloyd has asked the council to look at a transition plan so he can retire as Treasurer. He and Judy would like to spend more time at their cabin. After some discussion Kim moved that the new council form a task force to look at everything the treasurer does and see if some duties could be given to others and to also review the 2020 financials to find a possible discrepancy. Caitlin seconded; the motion carried unanimously. At the March meeting the council will also form a task force to make recommendations for using the \$17,000 that is now available from the PPP loan being forgiven.
- b. Offering Counters –Feb. 21 (Mary & Tom) Feb. 28 (Sarah & Tami), remainder of the year (see Signup Genius Link).
- c. Church Calendar going forward – As a state, we are now in Stage 3 of the Covid19 Plan, in the yellow zone according to Southwest District Health . We discussed not being in a hurry to resume in-person services. We have a lot of members who are not yet vaccinated, and the weather is still too cold to be outside. Paster said that there **may** be an inside service for Maundy Thursday as it is not usually well attended. The Good Friday will be a service with stations of the cross and limited numbers in the sanctuary at any given time. We will try to do outside services once a month, Palm Sunday will be one. Easter may be a Cluster service. Pastor Meggan will reach out to several committees for ideas to help members celebrate Easter without our usual events.

X.) **New Business**

- a. Election of Officers (Pres, VP, Secretary) and appoint Treasurer – Pastor asked for nominations for President. Penelope nominated Sarah Henthorn. With no further nominations Tom moved to cease nominations; Mary seconded; no discussion; motion carried. We then voted and Sarah was elected President unanimously. Pastor called for nominations for Vice-President. Jerry Armbrust volunteered to serve in that position. Penelope nominated Jerry. Sarah moved to close nominations; Caitlin seconded; no discussion; motion carried. Jerry was elected unanimously. Pastor called for nominations for Secretary. Tom nominated Penelope and she is willing to serve. Kim moved to cease nominations; Caitlin seconded; no discussion; motion carried. Penelope was elected unanimously. For the Treasurer’s position Caitlin moved to appoint Lloyd Kellar for another year. Sarah seconded; Lloyd agreed to serve. The council approved his appointment unanimously.
- b. Council Liaison Assignments: Gospel and Growth - **Penelope**, Stewardship - **Sarah**, Hospitality - **Amanda**, Communication - **Patrick**, Property - **Tom**, Church in Community - **Mwajuma**, Worship and Music - **Caitlin**, Trinity New Hope - **Carl**, Christian Ed and Youth - **Sandy**, Mutual Ministry - (VP Jerry).
- c. Century Link – increasing upload speed from 2 mg to 5 mg for worship streaming (\$34.20 more per month, two-year contract) – Pastor Meggan said that Bryce Quarve tested our internet speed and he said that this would be necessary. We discussed how important our on-line presence has become in this last year. Jerry moved that we approve the increase in speed and the increased costs. Caitlin seconded; no further discussion; motion carried.
- d. Six-month review of PayPal – In June of 2020, the council made the decision to offer an opportunity for viewers and parishioners to be able to donate to Trinity online using our website but that we would review it in 6 months. There was discussion about the use, but Lloyd said he could have some figures for council by the March meeting. Caitlin moved to table the discussion until next meeting; Jerry seconded; motion carried.
- e. Schedule Spring Clean-up Day – Jerry and Tom will organize this event. The date is set for Saturday, March 20, 2021 with the 28<sup>th</sup> as a back-up if the needed. Information will be in the March newsletter and on the calendar. This will be an opportunity to come together and work within the safety precautions and still be able to see each in person.

XI.) **Lord’s Prayer**

- XII.) **Adjournment** – 8:15 pm. Jerry moved to adjourn; Tom seconded; motion carried.