

# Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation Council Minutes

## January 22, 2013

**Welcome:** Erma Eichorn

**Declaration of Quorum:** 7:05 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

	<u>Off in 2013</u>	<u>Off in 2014</u>	<u>Off in 2015</u>
Y Pastor Santoro	N Chuck Anderson	Y Mike Kinsey	Y Norm Amundsen
Y Michael Renehan	Y Cynthia Breitinger	Y Gary Behrens	Y Becky Lutz
Y Barbara Herzinger	Y Scott Otterbacher	Y Erma Eichhorn	Y Valerie Steil
	N Joanna Truemper	Y Kathy Brannen	N Paul Parsons
	N Soren Bjornstad, Youth Rep		

**Devotion Time:** *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, pp. 40-57 – Discussion led by Pastor

**Consent Agenda** - accepted

- December Congregation Council Regular Meeting Minutes
- Pastor's Report
- Finance Committee Report
- Property Committee Report
- Healthy Congregations Task Force Report

**Deaconess' Report** – VBS scheduled July 28th-August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries will again lead.  
Theme TBA

**Motions to Council:**

**The Finance Committee moves that \$14,000 be transferred from the Memorial Fund to the General Fund to pay bills.** MC Mike Kinsey will notify Carol to transfer funds.

**The Finance Committee moves that the money from the Project Neighbors Fund and Trinity House Fund be combined into a fund known as the Affordable Housing Fund.** MC Explanation given that the Project Neighbors Fund was originally known as the New Concepts Housing Fund, established with \$10,000 from the sale of the 56 Chicago property.

**The Finance Committee moves that the TLC Preschool contribute \$4122 to the General Fund from their budget for the coming school year to help cover costs of the preschool.** Discussion regarding the relationship of the preschool to Trinity & the cost of providing utilities, cleaning and insurance. Pastor agreed to talk to Nancy Moseley about Trinity using rooms during VBS.

Motion amended to:

**Motion that the TLC Preschool contribute \$4122 to the General Fund in 9 equal increments in calendar year 2013 from their budget to help cover Trinity's cost for the preschool.** MSC

**The Property Committee moves that a new 95% efficient boiler be installed, as soon as possible, to heat the Education Wing at a cost not to exceed \$11,500.00 and that the funds come from the interest from the Endowment Fund.**

Motion amended to:

**The Property Committee moves that a new 95% efficient boiler be installed, as soon as possible, to heat the Education Wing at a cost not to exceed \$11,500.00.** MSC The Property Committee will apply to the Endowment Fund for funding. Plan is to install a new boiler and leave the old one in.

**Old Business:**

**Nominations Committee:** Jan Blodget, Cynthia Breitinger and David Burrow-Flack have agreed to be nominated for 2013 council seats. The committee is awaiting responses from Matt Hernes, Jane Schreiner, Joanna Truemper and Scott Young.

**Open Door Policy:** Becky Lutz reported that the task force will have its first meeting on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**Personnel:** Update provided by Cynthia. Carol Barber has elected to stay in the office manager position, “grandfathered” as a full-time employee at 35 hours per week.

**2013 Budget:** Erma recommended that Total Income and Total Expense both be amended to \$394,356.

**Motion to accept the 2013 Budget as amended for proposal to the congregation– MSC**

**New Business:**

**Mission Endowment Fund Committee:** After the annual meeting, a new committee member will need to be appointed as Mike Renehan’s term will expire.

**Financial Reports:** Reviewed by Mike Renehan. Motion to accept reports. **MSC**  
Agreed that the Trinity Women of the ELCA treasury may be transferred to the General Fund as a Restricted Fund.

**Website:** Soren requested to be notified of any web site issues. Web site is <http://tlcvalpo.com>

**New Member Orientation:** Starts February 3<sup>rd</sup> for 8 Sundays, ending March 24<sup>th</sup>. Becky Lutz and Deaconess Barb will coordinate volunteers to provide lunch.

**Removal from Membership Roll:** Pastor presented a sample letter, copies of sections from the parish constitution addressing membership and a list of members who have not attended worship or contributed within the past three years. Letters will be sent to those on the list.

**Motion that members listed as zero on records of attendance and giving for at least three years be removed from the roll of membership effective January 1, 2013 unless they request to retain membership. MSC** Plan is to present at council meetings a list of members who have not been in worship for the prior 4 weeks in order to facilitate out-reach.

**Farewell and Thanks:** Appreciation expressed to outgoing council members, especially to Scott who is completing his 2<sup>nd</sup> term and therefore is not eligible for re-election. We’ll miss Scott’s wit and insight & put him on alert that council may still show up at his house next December! Special thanks to Soren who made great contributions as this year’s youth representative. Lastly, Pastor gave well-deserved high praise to Erma for her tremendous dedication and very effective leadership as council president.

**Next regular meeting:** February 26, 2013 at 7 p.m., Room 103. New members of council will be present.

**Devotion Time:** *Life Together* pp. 57-75.

**Closing prayer** – Deaconess Barb

**Adjournment:** 9:05 p.m. motion to adjourn. **MSC**

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Breitinger