

# Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation Council Minutes

January 26, 2016

**Welcome** - David Burow-Flak, President

**Devotions** - Cynthia

**Roll Call** 7:05 p.m.

**Number of Voting Members Present:** 13

**Number of Voting Members Needed for Quorum:** 8

## Term Ends 2016

P Cynthia Breitinger\*

P David Burow-Flak

P Jane Schreiner

P Matt Hernes

A Madi Mayerik

## Term Ends 2017

P Christine Cawby

P Erma Eichhorn\*

P Mike Kinsey

P Marty Swinehart

## Term Ends 2018

P Norm Amundsen\*

P Becky Lutz\*

P Paul Mache

P Paul Parsons\*

P Pastor Tim Leitzke\*\*

P Barb Herzinger, Deaconess\*\*\*

A Michael Renehan, Treasurer\*\*\*

\* denotes serving consecutive term

P = Present A = Absent

\*\*voting member

\*\*\*non-voting member

Guest: Member Louise Williams

## Consent Agenda

1. Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation Council Minutes – January 5, 2016
2. December TLCP Reports
3. Property Committee Report

## MC

### Pastor Tim's Report –

Pastor Tim related information from the Social Ministry Team on its work to revise Trinity's Affirmation of Welcome Statement and to educate/remind the congregation that Trinity voted to be a Reconciling in Christ congregation in 2001. Temple Talks relating to this will be given on three consecutive Sundays by team members. An Adult Forum session may be used on the February 14<sup>th</sup> to introduce Brianna Brown from Freedom Indiana.

The following Affirmation of Welcome Revision was therefore recommended by the council to be voted upon by the congregation at the January 31, 2016 meeting. (Changes from the 2001 version underlined)

*"As a community of the people of God, we are called to minister to all people of our world, knowing that the world is often an unloving place. Our world is a place of alienation and brokenness. Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness. We are challenged by the Gospel to be agents of healing within our society.*

*We affirm with the apostle Paul that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (Galatians 3:28). Christ has made us one. We acknowledge this reconciliation extends to people of all gender identities and sexual orientations.*

*Because people are often scorned by society and alienated from Church due to their gender identities or sexual orientations, we wish to make known our caring and concern. It is for this purpose that we affirm:*

- + *People of all gender identities and sexual orientations share the worth that comes from being unique individuals created by God;*
- + *People of all gender identities and sexual orientations are welcome within the membership of this congregation upon making a common, public affirmation of faith; and*
- + *As members of this congregation, people of all gender identities and sexual orientations are expected and encouraged to share in the sacramental and general life of this congregation. "*

## **MSC**

. **Deaconess Barb's Report** – gave dates of upcoming events for the youth which include game night February 5; 30-hour famine February 12-13; Parent's Night Out, February 20; and Variety Show, February 28.

### **Old Business:**

1. Finalized details for Annual Meeting on January 31. Jane, David, Christine, and Pr. Tim will coordinate
2. Louise Williams was present to give update on Holy Conversations exercise which was done with the congregation. It will be reviewed at the annual meeting and highlights presented. Copies of the results will be on the tables at the meeting.

### **New Business:**

1. Property Committee requested direction on potential MEF grants for capital projects for 2016. The standard protocol will be followed.  
**Motion to Council: That Property Committee is allowed to solicit contributions from the congregation to purchase a 50" TV for use in Room 105. MC**
2. Discussion regarding partnership with Chicago Street Theater and their use of our parking lot during their events. Council had questions. Paul Parsons will follow up with CTS. They will not be allowed to use the lot until the questions are answered.
3. Christine Cawby asked for information about using the Fellowship Hall for a wedding reception and if an exception for alcohol usage could be made. She was asked to submit the standard Facility Use Form with her request for consideration.

**Financial Reports** – MSC to accept.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM, Room 104

**Devotions** – Barb

**Closing Prayer** – Pr. Tim

**Adjourn** – 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by Erma Eichhorn  
February 14, 2016