

Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation Council Minutes

April 8, 2014

Welcome –President Paul Parsons

Devotions – Pr. Jane

Roll Call/Declaration of Quorum 7:00 p.m.

	<u>Off in 2015</u>	<u>Off in 2016</u>	<u>Off in 2017</u>
Y Michael Renehan	Y Norm Amundsen	Y Cynthia Breitinger	Y Christine Cawby
Y Barbara Herzinger	Y Becky Lutz	Y David Burow-Flak	Y Erma Eichhorn
Y Pastor Aicher	Y Valerie Steil	Y Matt Hernes	Y Mike Kinsey
	Y Paul Parsons	N Jane Schreiner	Y Marty Swinehart
	N Cayley Schnick	_ Youth Rep.	

Consent Agenda

- + Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation Council Minutes – February 25, 2014
- + Tender Loving Care Preschool Report – March 14, 2014
- + Mission Endowment Fund Committee Report – March 17, 2014
- + Deaconess Report – April 7, 2014
- + **Motion to approve the council minutes and accept committee minutes. MSC**

Report from Pr. Jane – April 8, 2014 – reported seven meetings, nine Pastoral Care visits, two hospital visits, funeral prep, and Stephen Ministry presentation of prayer. Thanked all the office volunteers in this time of transition.

Old Business:

1. **Administrative Assistant Update** – The Task Force reported on interviews for Administrative Assistant position and discussed the potential final candidates. The council offered advice in proceeding with the interviews. Second interviews will be set for next week
2. **Lawsuit** - Trinity has received news from Church Mutual attorney that a summary judgment in favor of the church has been reached in a lawsuit filed against the church by the owner of 56 Chicago Street property. The case was dismissed with prejudice.

New Business:

1. **Motion from Trinity Players that the group be allowed to collect a free will offering at their performances April 25-27 to be donated to Neighbor's Place. MSC**
2. **Election of Call Committee** – President Parsons presented the list of nominees for Call Committee. They included: Kathleen Brannen, Mike Delliquadri, Jeff Lewis, Kris Lopez, Lu Krieger-Blake, Paul Mache, Mary Jo Nuland, Scott Otterbacher, George Reichler, and Valerie Webdell. Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Council and subsequent discussion and discernment, the following were elected by a unanimous vote: Mike Delliquadri, Jeff Lewis, Kris Lopez, Lu Krieger-Blake, Scott Otterbacher, and Valerie Webdell. The council appointed Mike Delliquadri to serve as chair.

The following items were recommended by Mission Endowment Fund Committee as proposed grants:

1. **Vacation Bible School: "Luther Road Project"** -- \$3,000 Funding to cover the cost of "Luther Road," a team of 5 college-aged staff who bring a "summer camp program on wheels" to Trinity to lead our VBS children in singing,

prayer, Bible stories, games, arts & crafts, and recreation. Vacation Bible School is an outreach ministry of Trinity. Two-thirds of last year's children were not Trinity members.

2. **Property Committee: Parking Lot Maintenance -- \$3,500** - To cover costs of renewing the parking lot surface by cutting back weeds from edges of asphalt, cleaning loose debris from parking lot surface, filling cracks with hot rubber fill, sealcoating entire surface by hand, and striping lines for parking spaces and replacing marking for handicap parking spots.
3. **Kairos Prison Ministries: Supplies for visitation project -- \$250** - To help fund the purchase of supplies and meals during the 4 day Kairos Prison Ministry event held at the Indiana State Prison in May. Approximately 30 volunteers will witness to the inmates what a Christian community really looks like. The event has been described as a "short course in Christianity."
4. **Stephen Ministry: New Leader Training -- \$1,854** - To send one person for training to become an additional Stephen Ministry Leader. Our Stephen Ministry program has been receiving assistance from an experienced Stephen Leader who is not a member of Trinity. To plan for his eventual departure from the leadership team, another leader from Trinity needs to be trained.
5. **Seminarian Tuition Assistance -- \$1,000** - Contribution of \$1,000 toward tuition cost for our seminarian from Trinity. The contribution will be paid directly to his educational institution.
6. **Neighbors Place – A Residence for Women -- \$9,500** - To assist in the purchase price and renovation of the former HealthLinc building to create 18 efficiency apartments to be rented to single women living on Social Security, disability income or low wage jobs.
7. **Balcony Expansion – \$5,500** - To expand the balcony by 76 square feet by cantilevering the sides adjacent to the organ pipes 4 feet on each side. This would allow much needed space for choir members and musicians. A gift of \$5,000 has already been promised for this project. Total project cost – approximately \$10,500.
8. **Myles to Go Local Tour -- \$250** - Funding for printing programs and publicity when the play Myles to Go, written by Harlan Bjornstad, is presented at venues other than Trinity. All performances of the play are benefit performances to raise funds and awareness for Neighbors Place (see #6 above.).

Item #5 – Seminarian Tuition Assistance -added sentence *Seminarian needs to be entranced by Candidacy Committee before disbursement of funds.*

Item # 7 was withdrawn at the council meeting by MEF Committee Chair Mike Renehan.

Added to the list by the council was a proposed grant by the Property Committee of \$5000 to paint nave and choir loft.

The council approved the grants totaling \$24,354 as amended and added.

Financial Report – was presented by Mike Renehan

Next council meeting, April 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Library; Devotions: Marty Swinehart

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. MSC

Respectfully submitted
Erma Eichhorn, Council Secretary 4/25/2014