

# Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation Council Minutes

September 23, 2014

**Welcome** –Paul Parsons, President

**Opening Prayer** – Pr. Jane

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

**Number of Voting Members Present:** 14

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

**Declaration of Quorum**

## Term Ends 2015

Y Norm Amundsen

Y Becky Lutz

Y Paul Parsons

Y Valerie Steil

Y Cayley Schnick, Youth Rep.

## Term Ends 2016

Y Cynthia Breitinger

Y David Burow-Flak

Y Jane Schreiner

Y Matt Hernes

## Term Ends 2017

Y Christine Cawby

Y Erma Eichhorn

Y Mike Kinsey

Y Marty Swinehart

Y Pr. Jane Aicher, Interim

Y Barb Herzinger, Deaconess

N Michael Renehan, Treasurer

## **Consent Agenda**

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Call Committee Minutes 7/29, 8/12, 8/26, 2014

**MSC**

## **Informational Items to file**

Midyear Thank you Stewardship Letter – revised by council 7/22/2014

Call Questions Answers for Pr. Rudy Mueller – from 7/22/2014 meeting

## **Pr. Jane presented written July and August Combined Report**

Per her requests:

1. Adjustments of the telephone system are made so phone calls can be picked up by Betty on the main office phone. Charge will be approximately \$125 to make adjustment. **MSC**
2. She may invite Deaconesses or Seminarians to preach at her discretion.
3. Because the balance in the Pastor's Discretionary Fund is low, the council agreed an announcement could be made seeking donations.

In addition, Pr. Jane presented a flyer for Trinity night at Valplayso to assist in the reconstruction on Tuesday, October 7, from 4-9 p.m. Flyer will be distributed or added to Parish Notices.

**Deaconess Barb Report distributed at meeting – on file – requested Blu-ray player for Youth Room. Will work with Matt.**

## **Old Business:**

1. Action on Constitution Continuing Resolutions

## **STRIKE**

**C5.05.B11.** *Trinity shall establish an account with Tim Rice of Lakeside Wealth Management who will serve as broker for any stock transactions. 9/26/06 **MSC***

**C13.07.GC12.** *Whenever a seminarian or deaconess student preaches, a special offering ~~will~~ may be collected and the offering deposited in a fund which will be distributed equally among the church vocation candidates. 2/02/07, 4/24/12 **MSC***

## **ADD A WORD IN SENTENCE**

**C13.07.DB14.** *Only those reports that are from staff, standing committee, or ad hoc committee will be included in the Annual Report. 1/12/98 9/23/14 **MSC***

## **CHANGE**

**C13.07.GB14.** *The ~~persons serving in the following positions shall be designated as signatories on any of the church bank accounts:~~ Treasurer, Finance Committee Chairperson, Office Manager.*

*Church accounts shall have designated signatories as follows:*

- a. General Fund checking account – Treasurer and Finance Committee Chairperson*
  - b. Memorial Fund checking account – Treasurer and Finance Committee Chairperson*
  - c. Pastor’s Discretionary Fund checking account – Pastor and Treasurer*
  - d. Mission Endowment Fund – Treasurer, Financial Secretary of Mission Endowment Fund, Finance Committee Chairperson.*
- 03/19/07 9/23/14 **MSC**

**ADD**

**C9.06.B14.** *For Weddings, Baptisms, and Funerals, the Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church presides, or delegates this responsibility to another person with the approval of the Executive Committee. 9/23/14 MSC*

**CR13.07.JD14.** *Requests for use of the church complex or any portion of it and/or grounds by members and non-members shall be subject to approval through Facility Use Policy dated 12/11/2013. 9/23/14 MSC*

Pr. Jane questioned the Continuing Resolutions which name committees that may or may not be currently functioning. There was discussion regarding the “Asset Mapping” approach, the Healthy Congregations initiative, and where we stand in the process. Pr. Jane and Jane Schreiner will meet with those who have leadership roles in the process to determine where we are and if there is a plan.

2. Tender Loving Care Preschool (TLCP) Task Force Memo of Understanding – Barb presented the MOU on behalf of the Task Force. Pending some edits on language and the addition of another OF in the title (after Hospitality) Motion made to approve. **MSC**

Paul urged communication between the staffs of TLCV and TLCP.

3. TLCP budget for 2014-2015 was reviewed and changes from the previous year were noted. Nancy has increased the days the preschool uses the cleaning service, so that charge has doubled. Also, beginning September 2014, the school begins 100% reimbursement to TLCV for the school’s portion of cleaning, utilities, and insurance per Memo of Understanding. It was also explained the preschool has a contingency fund which is not shown in the budget. The council requested a balance sheet. Motion to approve TLPC budget for 2014-2015 **MSC**

4. Stewardship – Cindy has met with Cheryl to bring plans up to date. Emphasis dates will be November 2, 9, and 16, with November 16 being Commitment Sunday. Jane S. will do parchment with theme “Take Me, Take Me, As I Am”. Letter will go out to congregation November 2/3. Simply Giving promotion will be held during campaign time. Campaign title coming!

**New Business:**

1. Karyn Kost, daughter of former pastor, John Kost, has requested prayers and financial assistance as she begins her seminary training. A special offering will be received for her on Reformation Sunday, October 26. Jane S. will write article for Parish Notice. Mike K. will notify Karyn of our intent and get current picture for notice. Motion to receive a special offering for Seminarian Karyn Kost. **MSC**

2. Locking building and security – there was discussion concerning whether or not the building should be continued to be locked after Sunday services because Joyful Noise is rehearsing after the second service if they do not sing a 8 a.m. Several things came up such as what happens when groups such as Stephen Ministry and Coin Club are meeting in the afternoon.

9:00 p.m. Motion to extend meeting for 15 minutes. **MSC**

Barb reported that the Master key and the key for the youth room were/had been missing from the Usher’s cabinet. The Master key has reappeared. However, the Youth Room key is still missing and there is evidence of someone “visiting” the Youth Room in off hours. Barb will speak to Gary Behrens about having the Youth Room lock changed.

3. Paul presented an event plan for a Friday night in November (TBD). It will be a Beer Sampling with Food – an adults only event, limited amount of prepaid tickets. Motion was made to serve alcohol in the Fellowship Hall for a Beer Sampling Event. **MSC**

9:15 p.m. Motion to extend the meeting **MSC**

4. Employee insurance plan for 2015 was reviewed. Health insurance premiums increased by 11% and disability premium has returned for 2015. Motion to continue with Silver+ C plan **MSC**.

Adjournment 9:30 p.m.

**Next regular Council meeting**, October 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Library; Devotions: Christine Cawby

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn **MSC**

Respectfully submitted  
Erma Eichhorn, Council Secretary  
September 24, 2014