

Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation Council Minutes

June 25, 2013

Welcome Paul Parsons

Roll Call/ Declaration of Quorum 7:04 p.m.

	<u>Off in 2014</u>	<u>Off in 2015</u>	<u>Off in 2016</u>
N Michael Renehan	N Mike Kinsey	Y Norm Amundsen	Y Cynthia Breitinger
N Barbara Herzinger	Y Gary Behrens	Y Becky Lutz	Y David Burow-Flak
	Y Erma Eichhorn	Y Valerie Steil	Y Matt Hernes
	Y Kathy Brannen	Y Paul Parsons	N Jane Schreiner
	N Natalie Lichtenberger, Youth Rep		

Devotion Time: Paul Parsons

Consent Agenda

- + Deaconess Report – June 25, 2013
- + Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation Council Minutes, May 28, 2013
- + Minutes for Trinity Church Computers and Technology Committee – 6/3/2013
- + Report of the Task Force to Study the Relationship Between Trinity Church and Tender Loving Care (TLC) Preschool – June 15, 2013. Referenced documents included:
 - Tender Loving Care Preschool Board Responsibilities and Procedures – 2005 (?)
 - Employment agreements – dated 1990 & 1983
- + Stephen Ministry Letter to Council – June 22, 2013

Motion to approve council minutes and accept other reports, minutes and correspondence -MSC

Trinity's Pastoral Transition/Call Process

1. Interim Pastor

Paul announced that he had received a letter from Bishop Gafkjen stating he was ready to appoint Rev. Jane Aicher as Trinity's interim pastor pending our acceptance. Good sacristy story about the letter! Paul also reported on his conversations with Pastor Rudy Mueller regarding the appointment process, some information about Pastor Aicher and the role of an interim pastor.

Discussion followed. Impressions of Pastor Aicher from 2 Sundays serving us as supply pastor were shared. Could we request a resume or obtain references from a previously served congregation?

Next steps in the process:

1. Schedule an interview of Pastor Aicher with the interview team
2. Need to draft contract terms
3. Erma will draft job description for part-time interim pastor.

Erma took notes on this portion of the agenda.

What to include in a job description? Part time position – possible schedules?

Which worship services to continue going forward?

Request council members email Erma with additional input.

4. Will need plan for worship leadership for June 6/7 & probably the following week.

Note: On July 5, 2013, by email vote, council voted in approval of Paul Parsons contacting Bishop Gafkjen to request authorization for a deaconess member of Trinity to preside at Holy Communion on July 13 & 14, 2013. Authorization was granted to Deaconess Diane Marten to preside at Holy Communion for the regular worship services at Trinity on those dates.

Paul has reached out to Bishop Gafkjen, Rev. Rudy Mueller and Rev. Nancy Nyland to see if they might schedule visits to Trinity during our interim period. This will provide our congregation with a visible connection to synod leadership. Participation in our worship services as guest homilists is one possibility being explored.

Call Committee, Transition Team and Healthy Congregations

Discussed developing a "job description" of call committee responsibilities.

Input from those who have previously served on a call committee would be helpful.

Role of Transition Team needs further clarification.

Recommendations/Requests before Council:

1. TLC Task Force

Recommendation to Council:

That Tender Loving Care Preschool is a ministry of Trinity Church. The school is dedicated to encouraging spiritual, emotional, intellectual, and social growth in all children within a Christian environment.

Erma reviewed the report of the Task Force to Study the Relationship Between Trinity Church and Tender Loving Care and the history of relationship.

Discussion. Further consideration needed before voting on recommendation.

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

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2. Deaconesses Afternoon of Service request – from Deaconess Report

Action item: Could the deaconesses of Trinity have permission to have a table in the foyer where people can sponsor them for the Afternoon of Service?

Amended to:

Move that the deaconesses of Trinity have permission to have a table in the foyer where people can sponsor them for the Afternoon of Service. (Note: as there was later a question as to whether a vote was taken on this motion, it was sent to council member for email vote. **MSC** on email vote).

3. Stephen Ministry update and request:

Request from Stephen Ministry to place informational pew cards in pews. Sample provided
MSC

Old Business

1. **Facility Use** - postponed consideration until future meeting.
2. **Pending items from Pastor Santoro's May 28, 2013 report**
 - a. Proposed amendments to Parish Constitution & Bylaws – Not addressed.

- b. Membership review to update rolls at end of Pastor's call – Mike Kinsey & Carol Barber – Mike was not present to provide update.
 - c. Financial Audit –? status
 - d. Recommendation for review of Catechism program - Not addressed.
 - e. Attendance reports – Cynthia will convey to Carol that these reports do not need to be provided to council members each month. Data collection needs to be improved for them to be useful & this is not a project currently in motion.
3. Computers and Technology
- a. Request for Council recommendations for invitees to Web site mast-head/header design team. Postponed consideration until future meeting.

9:30 p.m. Motion to extend meeting 15 minutes. MSC

4. Stewardship
- a. *Simply Giving* promotion – Valerie Steil is doing.
 - b. Follow-up to cost-cutting motions passed 5/28/2013
 - Use of Seasonal bulletins - Paul will follow-up with Cheryl and Carol.
 - Budget reduction for worship and music supplies – Paul as above.
 - Reduction of mailing of financial statements – Mike Kinsey
 - Emailing of statements – not addressed
5. VBS – See Deaconess report.

Financial Report – Paper copies distributed.

Date of next regular meeting – July 23rd at 7:00 p.m., Room 103 (church library)

Devotions: TBD

Closing prayer – The Lord's Prayer

9:40 p.m. - Motion to Adjourn. MSC

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia T. Breitingger