

Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation Council Minutes

October 22, 2013

Welcome Paul Parsons, Council President

Roll Call/ Declaration of Quorum 7:05 p.m.

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

Prayer – Jane Schreiner

Presentation Covenant of Conduct – Valerie Webdell

+ Proposed Covenant of Conduct for Trinity Lutheran Church

Motion to adopt the Covenant of Conduct and share it with the congregation. MSC

Valerie Webdell will present the covenant to the congregation at a future date.

Consent Agenda

- + Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation Council Minutes, September 24, 2013
- + Deaconess Report – October 22, 2013
- + Trinity Church Computers and Technology Committee – Activity Report – 10/8/2013
- + Healthy Congregations Task Force on Reorganization Report 10/20/2013
- + October Pastor’s Report – copies distributed

Motion to accept the reports and approve the council minutes. MSC

Old Business:

1. Mission Endowment Fund – Emergency Fund Motion

- + Attendance & document review list from 9/30/2013 meeting
- + Recommendation from Executive Committee:

Upon a September 30, 2013 review of Trinity’s current and projected financial status, the continuing resolutions in the constitution regarding the Mission Endowment Fund and the outlined situations under which the congregation may be requested to consider emergency use of the Fund, the Executive Committee recommends to rescind the vote of the council entered on August 26, 2013 on the following motion and not to proceed with calling a congregational meeting on this matter:

Motion to amend the motion from the Finance Committee to:

The Finance Committee recommends that \$40,000 be taken from the Endowment Fund earnings to be used for emergency purposes. This money would be placed in the restricted funds area of the General Fund and could only be used with permission of the Church Council Executive Committee. Motion to amend: MSC. Vote on amended motion: MSC, one vote opposed. August 26, 2013

Motion to vacate the above vote of the council entered on August 26, 2013 and not to proceed with calling a congregational meeting on this matter. MSC

2. Facility Use - Gary Behrens

Facility Use Policy – 7/22/2013 revision

Discussion:

- 1) Groups need to know where to find cleaning supplies if they are expected to do clean-up.
- 2) Discussion of need to improve signage in the building.
- 3) Fee & Deposits to be clarified
- 4) Consider annual agreement with group using on an on-going basis. ? Sept. to Sept.
- 5) David, Gary & Becky will meet as a task force to further revise policy.

3. Fall Stewardship Update – Cynthia/Valerie. Commitment Weekend plans in progress for Nov. 16&17.

New Business:

1. Motion to provide \$400.00 for Adam Cook's candidacy fee from the Memorial Fund. MSC

2. Housing Allowance Continuing Resolutions :

Motion to adopt the following as a Continuing Resolution:

Resolved that of the salary for Rev. Jane Aicher for the year 2013, \$2,000 per month is hereby designated as housing allowance. As long as Rev. Jane Aicher is our Interim Pastor, the above amount of designated housing allowance shall apply to all future years until modified. MSC

The following motion is to remove the Continuing Resolution for housing allowance designated for the Rev. Dr. John J. Santoro, now retired from Trinity Lutheran Church.

Motion to remove Continuing Resolution C13.07.IB05 from the constitution. MSC

3. Nominating Committee for 2014 Council

Outgoing council members in 2014 – Gary Behrens, Kathy Brannen, Erma Eichorn, Mike Kinsey
Natalie Lichtenberger, Youth Rep

Paul requested volunteers from outgoing council members to serve on the nominating committee.

4. Background Checks –Gary Behrens

Gary advised that Church Mutual has requested background check on volunteers who work with youth. Discussion of options to obtain searches:

1. Becky suggested the Sherriff's Police.
2. Church Mutual provides the service.
3. Pastor Jane will check with Bethlehem Lutheran in Chesterton.
4. TLC task force will check with Nancy Mosley to see who the pre-school uses.

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

Sunday locking schedule discussed. Preference was for church members to sweep & lock the building after the last morning service. Security will then do final locking in the evening.

Matt, Gary and Barb will arrange for a crew to rotate the responsibility of locking the building after the last morning service on Sundays. Staff will unlock for evening youth programs.

9:15 p.m. Motion to extend for 15 minutes –MSC

Financial Reports – received

Closing Prayer: Deaconess Barb

9:25 p.m. Motion to adjourn - MSC

Dates of next regular meetings

- ❖ November 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., Room 103 (church library)
- ❖ December meeting to be – Tuesday, December 17th.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia T. Breitinger