

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Minutes September 19, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 6:47PM by president, Judy Conrad.

Members present: Judy Conrad, Mike Mowen, Sam Young, Brian Hammond, Barb Smith, Lauren Rowe, Carol Martin, June Habeck-Holler, Junior Michael, Erin Harman, Barbara Winebrenner, Craig Fentress, Pastor Chris Ramsey, and Inge Dudda (Treasurer). Colleen Gildee attended to take minutes.

Members absent: None

Devotions

Judy opened with prayer. Chapter 12 in the Acts study will be discussed in the October meeting. Please read Chapter 12 and be ready to discuss your question.

Minutes: The minutes of the August council meeting and the special meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report/Endowment Fund

August financials were reviewed and approved.

Old Business

Interim Pastor

- Pastor David requested salary information prior to our next meeting.
- A point of discussion is whether to consider sharing Pastor David's time and expenses with St. John's Lutheran as they are currently without a pastor as well. This is being considered by St. John's as well.
- Do we need to have an interim or are we ready to begin a call process?
- If we decide against hiring Pastor David for the term call, due to the lack of interims, we would use supply pastors until an alternate interim is available.
- An additional meeting with Pastor David will be requested for 9/27.

RIC Updates

Colleen Gildee met with Pastor Torben to discuss the RIC process timeline using the guidelines provided by the program for cautious churches. The core group will meet soon and work on newsletter articles and topics for the next nine months.

Church Council Candidates

One confirmed candidate is Maggie Stone. We are still searching for additional candidates.

New Business

Budget

- Personnel recommends a 5% increase across the board for staff/contractors. **Motion made, seconded, and passed to include a 5% increase in the budget to staff/contractor salaries.**
- Finance presents a 3% Synod Benevolence payment to Synod based upon actual received offerings to be reviewed quarterly by council prior to sending payment. **Motion made, seconded, and passed with two dissenting votes.**
- Property requested an increase in the maintenance budget for 2018 to \$40,000 due to current work planned for 2018 and anticipated maintenance costs. **Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve this increase.**
- The Finance Team will present a final budget for council approval during the October meeting. Hopefully, included in this final presentation will be firm numbers for the interim/supply.

President's Report

- We would greatly appreciate a volunteer to take the offering to the safe after the 11am service in order to be in compliance with the Offering Handling policy.
- Pastor Greg absorbed the preaching responsibilities and will be compensated for that work per an agreement made with Pastor Greg. The outstanding amount is recorded in the financials as a liability.

Team and Staff Reports

Music and Worship

See team minutes for motion to change sign. **Motion to change sign at corner of alley and Randolph per team meeting minutes seconded and passed at council.**

Fellowship/Parish Life

- Team moves that funds received from Soup and Sandwich Sale be used to offset to boiler principal. **Motion seconded and passed at Council.**

Calendar Items

- See the team reports.
- Lutheran Churches Cooperative meeting will take place at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall on 9/26. Council members are invited to attend.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to conclude the Church Council meeting at 8:28 pm.

Meeting concluded with prayer.

The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30pm in the Boardroom.