

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Minutes August 15, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM 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, and Inge Dudda (Treasurer). Colleen Gildee attended to take minutes.

Members absent: None

Devotions

Judy opened with prayer. Chapter 11 in the Acts study will be discussed in the September meeting. Please read Chapter 11 and be ready to discuss your question.

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

Treasurer's Report/Endowment Fund

July financials were reviewed and approved.

Discussion on payoff of boiler loan. Additional information requested. Is collateral account earning more than the interest rate on the account? Will the bank allow us to reduce the amount of collateral in that endowment to better reflect the current payoff amount? This request will go to Finance for additional consideration.

New Business

Interim Compensation Package

- We have been offered a three-year term call. The gentleman has 36 years of experience as a Lutheran pastor and a Doctoral degree in congregational development.
- Compensation details provided (note correction to Continuing Ed in Max column). Total compensation is estimated to be between \$124,000 - \$137,000.
- How is the contract structured?

Volunteers for RIC Team

Council volunteers interested in working on the Core team are: Judy Conrad, Lauren Rowe, Craig Fentress and June Habeck-Holler. Pastor Torben has already contacted some congregants, but we want to ensure a council presence.

Old Business

Satisfaction of Pr. Bettye's Loan

Pastor Bettye has concluded her portion of the loan repayment process. The settlement took place on 7/13. The check and documents were received by Trinity on 7/19, signed, and returned to the Delaware lawyer's office via FedEx overnight delivery.

Lutheran Churches Cooperative

- Next meeting is scheduled for 8/29 at St. John's at 6:30pm
- 9/17 pulpit exchange; working together on REACH Cold Weather Shelter; 10/1 Luther Movie and potluck 6pm at St. John's; 10/29 at 4pm Hymn Festival with reception at Trinity; shared, evening, adult Bible Study on Lutheran Hymn (details TBD)

President's Report

- YTD Contributions statements will be mailed with a letter and pledge card for 2018.
- Nominees for 2018 council – please consider who may be a willing candidate (off-going members are Mike Mowen, Judy Conrad, Brian Hammond, and Erin Harman)

Team and Staff Reports

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- Would like to hold Sunday School classes even on Unity Service days
- Rally Day, September 10 at Hagerstown Regional Park
- Yard Sale in conjunction with Fellowship/Parish Life on 9/30. Will include a Soup and Sandwich sale.
- Still need teachers for Sunday School – do you know anyone? Are you interested?

Social Ministry

Would like to update their team description on the website. Please review your team's description and provide any changes to Hunt (hunt.hardinge@gmail.com)

Property

- Sam Young, Gary Nunamaker, and Jane Drawbaugh met with Les Grim to discuss engineering plans for AC replacement. Les Grim will attend the September Property meeting to discuss the information with the team.
- Roof leak in restroom between narthex and Memorial Hall – bids will be sought for repair.

Senior Ministry

Will host a BINGO night in October.

Calendar Items

See the team reports.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to conclude the Church Council meeting at 7:50 pm.

Meeting concluded with prayer.

Upcoming Council meetings:

Tuesday, August 22nd at 6pm at Judy Conrad's house (13911 Long Ridge Drive, Hagerstown). Please bring a dish to share.

Thursday, August 24th at 6:30pm in the Boardroom to discuss potential interim

Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30pm in the Boardroom