

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Minutes January 17, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by president, Judy Conrad.

Members present: Pastor Bettye Wolinski, Judy Conrad, Mike Mowen, Brian Hammond, Barb Smith, Sam Young, Lauren Rowe, Carol Martin, June Habeck-Holler, Junior Michael, Barbara Winebrenner and Inge Dudda (Treasurer). Colleen Gildee attended to take minutes. Charlie Riley attended representing the Personnel Committee.

Members absent: Erin Harman

Devotions Chapter 7 in the Acts study was discussed. For next month, please read Chapter 8 and be ready to discuss your question.

Minutes The minutes of the December 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report/Endowment Fund

December 2016 financials were reviewed and approved. Offering and attendance charts will be updated for 2017 and available at the February meeting.

New Business

Personnel Committee: Members presented to Council to be considered for the Personnel Committee are: Kevin Dagliano, Ginny Doarnberger, Nancy Krueger, and Kathy King. **A motion was made, seconded, and approved to extend an invitation to Ginny Doarnberger and Kathy King join the Personnel Committee to serve a three-year term, expiring December 31, 2019.**

Members of the Finance Committee will include: Ed Drawbaugh, chairperson; Jena Staley, Judy Conrad, Bill Griemsmann, Inge Dudda.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to appoint Inge Dudda as Treasurer for 2017.

Social Ministry and support individuals will begin research on starting a 501(c)(3) to ensure the continuity of the outreach ministry of the food bank after the support from the Hershey Foundation is exhausted. This would allow for grants and other financial support and the opportunity to work with other churches and organizations with common interests.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved for council to begin to investigate creating a 501(c)(3) to fund the food bank. Colleen Gildee, Inge Dudda, and Pastor Bettye will present information at the February meeting.

Quarterly Congregational Meetings suggested dates are March 26, June 25, September 24, November 19 (annual congregational meeting) in conjunction with unity services. Dates may be adjusted. Lauren Rowe, as liaison, will request unity services for these dates at the next Worship & Music meeting – starting time of 9am.

President's Report

Watson Rasey has resigned his position on council due to health reasons. **A motion was made, seconded, and approved to invite Craig Fentress to assume the open Council position vacated by Watson Rasey.** Craig has a heart leading him to offer his time for this position and also brings skillsets in technology and non-profits. He will be installed at a later date determined by Craig and Pastor Bettye.

A thank you to Pastor Bettye for hosting council dinner last week in preparation for the retreat.

A reminder that Shrove Tuesday is February 28th. Basket Raffle, instead of being held on Easter Sunday, will be held on Shrove Tuesday. The request is being made that teams, staff, and council/executive team be responsible for a basket. **A motion was made, seconded, and passed that proceeds will go to the food bank.**

Wednesday Lenten meals and worship will begin soon. Sign-ups will be available for food for the attendees of the study and worship.

Seder meal has been requested for Maundy Thursday, April 13. Worship and Music Committee will be asked to assist in this event.

A request is made to Personnel and Property teams to review the sexton job description and title to ensure that it encompasses all of the work actually being done.

A concern was expressed that the Boy Scout troop chartered through Trinity does not provide many services to the church. This item will be added to the list of 'elephants' at Saturday's retreat/planning session. Hunt Hardinge will be asked to attend a council meeting to discuss these issues.

Retreat on 1/21 (rescheduled from 1/14) will take place in Memorial Hall. This is a change in location. The Buddy Prom shopping day will be happening in Fellowship Hall that day.

Staff Reports

A congregant donated shares directly to the endowment fund for the purpose of paying down the boiler principal. Amount is approximately \$7,000. **A motion was made, seconded, and passed for Inge Dudda to request the donated funds from RBC and make an additional principal payment on the boiler loan.**

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to change Trinity's check signers from Ginny Doarnberger and Jean Price to Inge Dudda and Judy Conrad.

Team Reports/Pass the Gavel:

Property:

- Contract brick work from Sweeney has been completed. They will be returning to seal the brick and remove the lift at a later date.
- The A/C removed from near the Randolph Street entrance was old and in disrepair and will need replacement.
- Property Committee is giving 60 days for work to be done on organ before funds/work will need to be reapproved.
- Apple Valley Waste has provided a quote for dumpster services which is significantly lower than our current provider. The committee will be considering this change.
- Candle concern expressed in the Property Committee is passed along to the Music and Worship Committee.

Christian Education:

- Liaison cannot attend Thursday evening meeting. Barbara Winebrenner will contact Jane Drawbaugh to explore other dates.

Calendar Items

24 January – Mutual Ministry meeting

6 February – Fellowship and Parish Life Meeting

7 February –Property meeting

7 February – Senior Ministry meeting

8 February – Social Ministry meeting

9 February – Pub Theology

11 February – Worship and Music meeting

14 February – Personnel meeting (to be rescheduled)

26 February – One service at 10am. Transfiguration Sunday. Baptism of Elizabeth Gorsuch

28 February – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Basket Raffle

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to conclude the Church Council meeting at 8:26 pm.

Pastor Bettye ended the meeting with prayer.

The next Church Council meeting is Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30 PM in the Boardroom.