

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Minutes June 21, 2017**

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

Members present: A2B Pr Robin Simpson-Litton, Judy Conrad, Barb Smith, Lauren Rowe, Carol Martin, June Habeck-Holler, Junior Michael, Erin Harman, Craig Fentress, Barbara Winebrenner and Inge Dudda (Treasurer). Colleen Gildee attended to take minutes. Maggie Stone attended to discuss the young adult group. Pr. Torben Aarsand attended to discuss the RIC program. Pr. Greg Shook attended as staff.

Members absent: Mike Mowen, Brian Hammond, Sam Young

Devotions

Pastor Robin opened with prayer. Chapter 10 in the Acts study will be discussed in the July meeting. Please read Chapter 10 and be ready to discuss your question.

Guest speakers were permitted time early in the meeting to present their information in order to be released before the business portion of the meeting.

Discussion with A2B Pastor Robin

Pr. Robin spoke with the bishop today. Bishop Bill does have a candidate for a term call whom he spoke with today. He will be in touch with us in a few weeks or as soon as he knows more. (Term call is for a specific amount of time agreed upon among the bishop, candidate, and council.)

Christian Education

Maggie Stone: Young adults would like to be more active in the churches. Last February during a retreat at Mar Lu Ridge, attendees learned how to teach a young adult (18-30ish) curriculum that they would like to share in the area. They would like to meet twice per month on Tuesday evenings – time to go through the Bible study *Practice Discipleship* which includes a community service portion. Initially would start with the Washington County conference and perhaps extend it out to young adults in other local synods.

As an official motion, Christian Education Committee proposes that Trinity Lutheran Church serve as a host site for the Young Adults of the Synod, meeting for a time of worship, fellowship, and service, twice monthly. Motion to approve was made by Jane Drawbaugh, seconded by Kathy King, and was unanimously approved by the committee. The motion was seconded in council by June Habeck-Holler and unanimously approved by council.

Reconciled in Christ

Pr. Torben Aarsand:

- 728 other ELCA communities have begun the work of the RIC.
- 443 faith communities currently in the journey.
- 1988 the ELCA made it clear that the LGBTQ population was welcome into full membership.
- Trinity may be best-suited as the congregation already welcomes members of the LGBTQ community (no other churches in the Washington County conference are in the process).
- Resolutions were shared verbally with council; an electronic version will be emailed tomorrow
- Starting the discussion is important. Resources include: RIC website, Living Lutheran, other websites of RIC congregations
- If there is anything that the church is about, it's GRACE!

Motion made, seconded, and approved to have Pr. Torben Aarsand, with staff assistance, research, and present the RIC information to the congregation via personal stories, articles, open forums, etc.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to begin the process immediately.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved. Minutes from the May 10 meeting will be reviewed/approved at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report/Endowment Fund

May 2017 financials were reviewed and approved.

Team Reports

Fellowship and Parish Life

F/PL Team made a motion to accept kitchen use policy. The motion was seconded in council by Lauren Rowe and unanimously approved by council.

Music and Worship

Will review the Wedding Policy at the next meeting

Finance

The first draft of the SOP for offering handling was reviewed at the June finance meeting. Changes/additions were discussed and made. The SOP will be presented to council at the July meeting for review and final approval.

Mutual Ministry

N/A

Property

The lights in the sanctuary that went out around Easter were rewired and are all working.

Eagle Scout project in progress! Kevin Dagliano purchased the old stainless steel cabinet. Proceeds will go to the Scout project. New cabinet will be installed on Saturday.

Request from council for Property to create policy for parking/towing of cars in the parking lot.

A/C in the boardroom has been replaced.

Personnel

Clarification on approval of 5-hour Tech Team position. See the Tech Team note below.

Social Ministry

Micah's backpack could use additional volunteers – please consider how you can help.

Tech Team

Motion made, seconded, and approved to hire a 5-hour contractual web position.

Since position has been formally approved, the tech team will ask Personnel to contact our one applicant.

Old Business

Point of Clarification – see Tech Team notes above

Reconciled in Christ - see notes above

Staff Reports

Synod Assembly will take place next year at Hunt Valley. Dates are May 31 – June 2. Please mark your calendars now so we have at least one representative from council in attendance.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to conclude the Church Council meeting at 7:54 pm.

Meeting concluded with prayer.

The next Church Council meeting is Tuesday, July 19th at 6:30 PM in the boardroom.