

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
May 15, 2018**

Members present: Guy Aki, Paula Anderson, Rob Anderson, Phil Deimel, Jill Eisfelder, Ken Kramer, Terry Nordheim, Gary Peterson, Ross Peterson, Karin Vukich, Carol Wolsky,

Members absent: Rachel Carlson, Terry Hogenson

- Carol Wolsky, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- Devotions – Paula Anderson
- Proposed additions to the agenda: Report from Witness and Outreach  
Report from the Endowment Committee  
Information about a building use request
- Rob Anderson moved to approve the agenda.  
Second by Ken Kramer.  
**Motion carried.**
- Phil Deimel moved to approve the April Council meeting minutes.  
Second by Rob Peterson.  
**Motion carried.**

*Senior Pastor's Report:*

Pastor Terry reported on the loss of computer due to theft from a car during travel. This was a computer owned by Trinity that was used for church related activity. Acquisition of a new computer is in progress. There is a staff retreat on Thursday at Pastor Terry's house New Member orientation took place on May 12. New members are to be welcomed this coming Sunday, May 20. Working on finding a replacement for multi-media coordinator. Pastor is prepared to make a recommendation for a temporary replacement. Dave Heldt is back at work on light duty. Dean Rambow is doing heavy lifting.

*Treasurer's Report:*

We finished the month of April with a deficit. An unbudgeted Elevator maintenance bill was a significant contributor to this. Pledged income is over \$8,000 better than planned. But income from everything else is less, so we are running over \$13,000 below plan. Our current year-to-date deficit is \$17,933. Cash down about \$5,200 from last month, but we will wait one more month before transferring money from the Pearl and Elmer Nelson annuity to supplement cash.

Key dedicated accounts:

Undesignated memorials: \$7,136  
Pearl and Elmer Nelson annuity: \$93,978  
Pearl Nelson bequest: \$782,826

It is suggested that on Mission Sundays we take the offering before the activities, rather than after, as some folks leave before the second half of the service and do not come back for the offering.

*Property Report:*

The air conditioner on roof that feeds the rear sanctuary stopped working. It is now fixed. There will be a \$300 bill coming for this. Steeple repair. The Executive Committee has a copy of the estimate. Exposed wood on the steeple needs the aluminum piece that covers it to be put back in place. Two bids have been solicited. One is in. We are still waiting for the other.

- Motion from Phil Deimel to draw up to \$2,000 from the Pearl and Elmer Nelson annuity for steeple repair.  
Second by Jill Eisfelder  
**Motion carried.**

*Endowment Report:*

Additional checks and balances on the endowment process are being put in place, as we are getting more applications. Amber and Twyla are working on improving organization of endowment requests and administration. Another concern: anyone can make an endowment request. In the future money to individuals will require a receipt of expenditures before a check is written.

*Witness and Outreach Report:*

Second Sunday offerings for the rest of the year have been selected. Karin reports that they are:

July 2018: Young Adults Global Mission

August 2018: Bush With Kindness (local)

September 2018: Children's Grief Connection

October 2018: Bdote Learning Center

November 2018: Youth Link (local)

December 2018: National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI)

- Jill Eisfelder moved to approve the selection of second Sunday offerings

Second by Paula Anderson

**Motion carried.**

*Building use request*

A family has asked to use the church five times per year for making spaghetti dinners for the high school girl's hockey team. The requesters are members of the church. They would use the lower level kitchen. A building use form has been provided for them to fill out. *Question:* are there any fees? *Answer:* A \$100 deposit is made in case there is damage. Cleanup is the responsibility of the users. It is noted that that this use must be coordinated with usage by Path to Home. Pastor Terry noted that we need to communicate that there is a process for building requests. The intent is not to turn anyone down, but rather to avoid conflicts. It was noted that waving of fees for non-profit organizations needs to come before council. *Question:* is there a standard waiting period between a request and approval? *Answer:* not at this time, but it might be good idea.

*Administration*

Amber has provided some information on the Staples business advantage: Trinity's *Premium Membership* has already paid for itself.

*Rental house*

Pastor Terry reviewed the process: Past, Present, Future. Past was done in April. Present is being done on May 20 and June 3. The May 20 meeting between services will include a review of the Mission and Vision statements. The intent of this meeting is to spend time discussion how the rental house relates to Trinity's Mission. June 3 reports on the state of the house, and includes an open-house walk through. A congregational meeting is planned for July to vote on what we choose to do with the house.

Council discussed the May 20 meeting between services. It is suggested that council members attend and spread out among the tables to hear what the congregation has to say. Council members should be aware of the difference between issues and positions. How does the rental property fit into the mission and vision of Trinity right now? We want to focus on issues right now, not positions. The meeting will show needed repairs without costs. Council must help the congregation apply Connect-Grow-Serve to the options of selling the house, demolishing or moving it, or fixing it. Pastor Terry will do a presentation, and then there will be table discussions to relate Trinity's mission to options for the rental house.

*Capital improvement*

Capital improvement discussion is deferred to June. This discussion will include defining the objectives for the task force, and deciding who and how many will be on the task force.

- Jill Eisfelder moved to adjourn

Second by Phil Deimel

**Motion carried.**

*Submitted by Gary L. Peterson (Secretary)*