

Trinity Lutheran Church, Lindstrom, MN
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
Meeting Minutes--October 4, 2020

1. CALL to ORDER--Purpose of Meeting:

- Meeting called to order at 10:45 A.M. by David Johnson, Council President.
- The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the Bequest Task Force recommendations on how to use the Pearl and Elmer Nelson designated bequest funds.
- The Bequest Task Force submitted a report with recommendations to the council in August, 2020. The recommendations divided the funds into five categories, and the council voted to accept the report with the recommendations as written.

2. OPENING PRAYER--Pastor Karri Anderson.

3. CONFIRMATION of QUORUM--Cathy Johnson, Secretary, confirmed a quorum of fifty-seven voting members.

4. APPROVAL of AGENDA--MM by Diane John to approve the agenda. MS by Colleen Guilfoile. MP.

5. BRIEF REVIEW of ROBERT'S RULES--Parliamentarian Jeff Fuge--Parliamentarian is there to answer procedural questions and to help facilitate the meeting process to proceed in an orderly manner.

6. BEQUEST TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION--Questions? Presentation by BTF Chairman, Gail Seaver:

- The BTF Committee was made up of eleven members from a good mix of backgrounds, ages, length of church membership, and experience. Gail gave a brief summary and history of the committee and its purpose. The same information, and with more detail, has been given out in previous newsletter articles, small group congregational informational meetings, and in letters mailed to congregation members. The BTF committee's goal was to reach committee consensus on the recommendations, and they consistently reached 100% consensus on discussion and votes.
- The BTF has been posting the questions and answers to the congregation's inquiries. The committee received one more question since the last posting that they felt was important and should be mentioned.
 1. Q: "What happens to the funds in these dedicated accounts if they are not used in a reasonable amount of time?"
 2. A: "Funds in the Bequest Task Force's Recommendations that are not used in a five year time frame can be reassigned by the church council after consulting with the key stakeholders of the fund."

7. BTF RECOMMENDATION MOTION FROM CHURCH COUNCIL--Questions?

- MM by Diane John that Trinity Lutheran Church Council recommends to the congregation the adoption of the BEQUEST TASK FORCE REPORT and ACTION PLAN: The Trinity Bequest Task Force recommends that Pearl and Elmer Nelson Undesignated Bequest Dollars currently invested with The ELCA Mission Investment Fund, (as of 12-31-2019, there was \$718,795. available), be divided into five categories:
 1. Building and Facility Needs--70% or \$503,156
 2. Congregational Support (Staffing)-- 12% or \$86,255
 3. Program Growth--11% or \$79,067
 4. Contingency--5% or \$35,940
 5. Pearl and Elmer Memorial Recognition--2% or \$14,376 (Exact dollar amounts may differ due to interest earned on the account.)
- MS by Larry Guilfoile. MP.

8. VOTE on MOTION REGARDING BTF RECOMMENDATION--Written ballots collected.

9. REPORT on OUTCOME of VOTE--UPDATE ON ReSTART COMMITTEE:

- Ballots were counted, and there was a 100% positive vote--fifty-seven members present, fifty-seven ballots collected, fifty-seven "yes" votes counted.
- Gary Peterson and Russ Morris are going to give a ReStart Committee update next week. There are congregant concerns as well as a desire to worship indoors. The virus is still spreading. Trinity is an old building, and the hope is to update the air exchange system. There is discussion on opening the sanctuary space on a regular basis for up to twenty people to have time for reflection and to meditate--a quiet time in a sacred place to connect with God and in prayer until inside worship opens up again.
- Pastor Terry gave thanks to the congregation for their continued support. He said that the outside service is averaging one-hundred people in attendance.

10. CLOSING PRAYER--Pastor Terry Nordheim.

11. ADJOURN--MM by Terry Hogenson to adjourn. MS by Nancy Johnson. MP.

Minutes Submitted by Cathy Johnson, Secretary