

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Agenda July 14, 2016 at 5:30 PM

Our Mission Statement – We are a fellowship of believers in Christ, sustained by God’s Word, led by the Holy Spirit and committed to God’s vision of caring.

Call to Order – In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Adoption of Agenda – Amendments or Additions

- Devotions: Kelly Gleason Next Month’s Volunteer _____
- Welcome and Visitor Recognition
- Approve minutes from June 9, 2016 and June 30, 2016 meetings
- Correspondence
- Committee Reports and date and time of next meeting. Inform church secretary if change.
 - Family Faith Formation
 - Finance and Treasurer’s Report
 - Life and Missions
 - Premises
 - Worship & Music
 - Staff Support and Personnel
 - Call Committee
- Old Business
 - a. Resilient Pastor, Resilient Congregation - Potential Congregational Audit Statements
 - b. Discuss updated policy book.
- New Business
 - Newsletter articles are due Monday, July 18, 2016. Reminder articles and events will be for the **August** newsletter.
 - Information on the procedure of the Special Congregational Call Meeting
 - Approval of the financial package for the call candidate
 - Update from the Global Leadership Event
 - Tedd Baumgardt
 - God’s Work Our Hands

8. Next Council Meeting: September 8, 2016 at **5:30 PM**

9. Closing prayer and blessing

10. Adjourn

Council Minutes
June 9, 2016

In attendance: Theresa Bush, Gloria Fitzgerald, Kelly Gleason, Chris Hansen, Todd Heavner, Andrea Jensen, Mary Ness, Jean Pestorious, Ron Petersen, and Verlaine Williams. Absent: Charla DePoppe Cindy Golbuff, Carla Johnson, Tom Nygaard, Chris Skogheim and Bob Yaw.

Pres. Jean P. opened in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

A motion was made by Ron P. to accept the agenda, 2nd by Kelly G., passed.

Devotions were given by Verlaine W. from 365 daily devotional "Jesus is calling". She referenced Matthew 28.18 and Psalm 100.4 Next month's volunteer is Kelly G.

Visitors: Shelly Bush.

A motion was made by Verlaine W., to approve the May 12th minutes, with a 2nd by Theresa B., passed.

Correspondence :A thank-you was received from Hannah Schwemmler for her scholarship. Another 'Thank you' was received from Pastor Kent Otterman for the use of a Confirmation gown. We also received a letter of resignation from Linda Bergland; a motion was made to regretfully accept this by Verlaine W., 2nd by Kelly G., passed. Verlaine W. read a wonderful "Thank you" from Josephine Johnson for her scholarship. Chris H. read a 'Thank you' from Good Earth Village for our \$200.00 donation.

Committee Reports:

Family, Faith, Formation: Chris H. gave and his report is on file, their next meeting is July 3rd at 10:30. Theresa B. talked about the Valley Fair trip and the fact that they don't have enough people for this so they want to use the Church bus or drive individually. Much discussion on this, they talked about bringing people together. Chris H. said if we get a few more than the Church bus can hold, he would drive the excess up himself. Discussion on prices, Kelly G. said if people are willing to drive it should go through. Pres. Jean commented on this. Chris H. made a motion to continue the trip on the Church bus, 2nd by Kelly G., discussion on this about a driver and that they have to go by the Policy book. Chris amended his motion to say that if they can't find a driver, then they would drive personal cars, 2nd by Theresa B. Voting on the amendment which allows the use of the Church bus, if they can find a driver, passed. Chris H. brought up the Como Park Zoo trip they are considering, he wants to know thoughts on this. Chris H. made a motion to take the Church bus or if more than that can hold taking the large hired bus to Como at no charge on Aug. 20th, 2nd by Theresa, passed. Verlaine W. asked where the money for these events is coming from and Pres. Jean explained that the Youth Fund, which gets money from the Lenten supper, summer donuts and sub sandwiches, is in a separate account and she showed that to us.

Finance and Treasurer's Report: Ron P. gave and a motion was made by Ron P. to accept the Treasurer's report with a 2nd by Theresa B., passed. Ron P. talked about Councilors getting the finance report on-line; he said if people want this they need to sign up for it. All reports were gone over and several questions were asked and answered. Verlaine W. said she needed stamps for her mailings for Life and Missions and Ron told her to make a request and that it would be covered. There were some questions on the Pink restricted funds and if we could consolidate some things. They will look into this. Ron explained some more on the separate Youth fund. He also talked about salaries for our new Pastor when they come.

Life and Missions: No meeting.

Premises: No one here to give a report and nothing was filed, so no information here.

Worship and Music: Report on File, Andrea gave their next meeting is July 5th at 5:30PM. Kelly G. made a motion for a blue grass group called 'Raiders of the Lost Art' to come to Trinity on Aug. 21st for a special service at 10:30 that morning, 2nd by Mary Ness, Andrea explained that Gayle Neist had heard them earlier and talked to Worship and Music about this, passed. The money for this event, \$750.00 will come out of the Worship Enrichment account.

We went on to talk about the Summer Splash that had to be cancelled at the Stanley's due to road construction. We talked a lot about the date and that we have Volleyball the Sunday right after this event. A motion was made by Kelly G. that we change the date to Friday July 22nd to be held by the lower parking lot of Edgewater Park, this being a Church potluck picnic, for this year only, 2nd by Theresa B., passed. It was mentioned that there is a dock there and people could bring their boats or pontoons if they wanted to give rides.

Personnel: Todd H. gave and he told us about the meeting that was held the day before with Greg Andersen, our Custodian. There was a mutual agreement made about Greg's job and the fact that the Personal committee will do a walk through with Greg every Wed. afternoon. Any problems or requests should be written out and given to Bob Yaw and his Premises committee, then they will talk to Greg. The Premises committee needs to meet with Greg once a month.

Call Committee: Andrea J. gave an update on the 5 candidates and the fact that 4 have been interviewed and the last one will be this weekend face-to-face, instead of by Skype. They have all been great candidates and Trinity would be Blessed to have any of them.

Old Business: none

New Business: We tabled Resilient Pastor/Resilient Congregation, as the Worship and Music committee did not have the time to address and present this. Ron P. talked about a Global Leadership event that will be happening on Tues. June 14th. There will be a luncheon at noon that day at the Museum that is free and all are welcome. They will explain about this upcoming event that will take place on Aug. 11-12th at Crossroads Church, although they are not the sponsors of it. Verlaine W. asked if anyone from Trinity would be going, Ron said he would try and then he could bring back the information on this. If you sign up for the event by the end of June it is \$99.00, and after that it will be \$300.00.

We had some discussion on the time of our meeting, if we should leave it at 5:30 or go back to 7:00, for right now we will leave it at 5:30, will again talk about it next month.

A motion to adjourn was made by Todd H. with a 2nd by Chris H., passed.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Jensen, Secretary

**Special Council Meeting Minutes at 6:30PM
June 30, 2016**

In attendance: Theresa Bush, Charla DePoppe, Gloria Fitzgerald, Kelly Gleason, Cindy Golbuff, Chris Hansen, Todd Heavner, Andrea Jensen, Jean Pestorous, Ron Petersen, Chris Skogheim, Verlaine Williams and Bob Yaw. Absent: Carla Johnson, Mary Ness and Tom Nygaard.

Pres. Jean P. opened in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

A motion was made by Verlaine W. to accept the agenda, 2nd by Cindy G., passed.

Devotions were given by Andrea J. on 'The Calling of a Pastor'.

Visitors: Laurie Hovendick, John Butler, Allan Halvorsen and Scott Golbuff, all on the Call committee.

Andrea J. gave an overview of what the Call Committee has been doing since it convened on Nov. 17, 2015. Also, the fact that they received 5 candidates' names on the 17th of May from Pastor Susan Miller from the SE Synod office. All 5 of them have been interviewed and 2 visited, then 2 others were called for 2nd interviews. After all the references for each had been checked the Call Committee met on Tues. June 28th and went over all the info from references, previous meetings with the 2 final candidates. After going through the MSP one more time to find out what was most important to our Congregation, this also included going through the green sheets that were provided to the Congregation, one candidate stood out. This candidate truly seemed to fit what we have been looking for. We had a secret ballot vote and it was a unanimous decision to call this candidate and so that is where we are at this point. Now according to our Constitution and the Synod guidelines we need to have a Special Congregational meeting to discuss and vote on this candidate.

Much discussion on this, first Verlaine W. said the Council needs to 'Thank' the Call committee for all the work they have put in. Bob Y. asked if this is right after Church will it be in the Sanctuary, yes. Cindy G. asked about the ballot voting, if it is 'yes' or 'no'. Pres. Jean explained that she appoints a teller and 2 helpers to gather votes and count them and report that number to the Pres. The candidate will need a 2/3 positive vote to be accepted. The members of the Congregation will need to sign in to receive their ballot. Ron P. discussed the compensation package and that things are going well, just need to go by the Synod guidelines for this. Pres. Jean asked for a unanimous vote on this, Cindy G. made a motion to approve a Special Congregational meeting on July 17th following Worship for the Call committee to present their selection for a new Pastor, 2nd by Verlaine W., passed unanimously.

The other members of the Call committee not on Council left.

A discussion on the upcoming Splash event that last Council meeting was voted on to move from Friday July 15th to Friday July 22nd. The motion at Council was made by Kelly G., and 2nd by Theresa B., but neither would be able to chair this. The people interested in being on the committee to host this could not be there on the 22nd, so after much discussion about water sports, intergenerational events and going on with this, Kelly G. made a motion to change the date back to the 15th and it was 2nd by Theresa B., passed. Now there was discussion on the exact location at Edgewater Park, Verlaine W. suggested the members of the this committee, being Scott and Cindy Golbuff and Bob and Patti Yaw, should get a hold of JoAnn Hagen at the Park and Rec department for where we could be. They will let us know to announce at Church.

Discussions on VBS, there were no kids this past Sunday at Church so no report on it. Pres. Jean asked for a report to be given this coming Sunday from the Welcome minister. Chris S. said his children attended and were there the whole time and how much they enjoyed it. He would see if his Stella could say a few words. Chris H. talked about visiting children here to see family and those 4 children went to VBS from that family.

Verlaine W. and Theresa B. will not be at our next Council meeting as they will be at opening night of the play the 'Wizard of Oz' as Shelly Bush and Cheyenne Severtson are both in it.

Ron P. asked everyone to tell people about this very important Congregational meeting on the 17th of July.

Bob Y. made a motion to adjourn, with a 2nd by Verlaine W., passed.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Jensen, Secretary

Worship and Music Report

We went through the "Potential Congregational Audit Statements" a report on this to be given at the Council meeting.

We also talked about the Bluegrass group, 'Raiders of the Lost Art' that will be coming on the 21st of Aug. to do a 10:30 service. Gayle Neist has agreed to be in charge of this, including publicity. I did try to get Pastor Tammy for this, but she was already booked. They have a gal in their group who would do a Children's sermon, so we need to look into someone from the Congregation leading us in a service of the Word, as it is an abbreviated service, no Communion at that service.

Cindy has the Wed. evening service leaders lined up till the beginning of Sept.

We talked about changing the format of our bulletins to possibly just one page. Everything would be on the screen that people need and the page numbers would be on that one sheet. At this point we need to put this off until our new Pastor is in place and see how they are used to doing it.

At our next meeting we will be putting together our yearly planning calendar. It has been put off due to the extra things going on.

We are making a recommendation to use Coreen's old office for Nancy' music room and then for it to be shared by Kim and MaChar for their volunteer work with FFF. It will need to be cleaned out of all the overflow that has been put in there.

It was been asked of this committee what should be done with the old sound equipment and the old cabinet. We think anything that can be sold should be and the cabinet removal goes to Premises for their committee.

We talked about getting a list of greeters for both Weddings and Funerals, as there was a Wedding last Sat. Kelly talked to LaVon and Clarence Eggers and asked them to do it then. We came up with a list of names and now have to move on that. Another part to this is at Funerals, for someone to be an Acolyte and a Crucifer.

Our next meeting is on Tues. the 2nd of Aug. at 5:30