

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Agenda May 12, 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

1. Devotions: Andrea Jensen                      Next Month’s Volunteer

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2. Welcome and Visitor Recognition
3. Kim Nelson will do a presentation on the Family Faith Formation Classes for 2016/2017 school year.
4. Approve minutes, April 14, 2016 meeting
5. Correspondence
6. 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
1. Pastor’s Report
2. Old Business
3. New Business
  - Newsletter articles are due Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Reminder articles that will be due in May will be for the **June/July newsletter**.
  - Resilient Pastor, Resilient Congregation - Potential Congregational Audit Statements.
  - Report from the Synod Assembly – Andrea Jensen
10. Exit Interview – Pastor Gary
11. Next Council Meeting: June 9, 2016 at 5:30 PM
12. Closing prayer and blessing
13. Adjourn

## Council Minutes from April 14, 2016

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

Pres. Jean P. called the meeting to order, in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

A motion was made by Chris S, to accept the agenda, second by Bob Y., passed.

Devotions: Theresa B. gave on Proverbs 3.5-6, all about 'trust' and eventually you will have understanding, when you get to Heaven. Be patient for God knows and you don't. Next month's volunteer is Andrea J.

Visitors: We had several visitors so Pres. Jean asked each to stand and say their names. Katie Jacobsen, Darryl Meyer, Sandy Doppelhammer, Liz Skov, Katelyn Hansen, Annette Hansen, Shelly Bush, Lorraine and Richard Anderson.

Katie had asked Pres. Jean if she could speak first, which she did. She talked about the name of our Church being Trinity and she also spoke about the wants for our new Pastor, especially about Children's sermons. She also suggested reviews, which Jean told her we are doing already. Then Darryl talked and gave us each a hand-out he had written with his thoughts on Pastor Gary. Then Pres. Jean talked about their "Confidential Meeting" that took place this past Monday between her, Pastor Gary and Ron P., no one else. Much discussion on all of this and how the details of this Confidential meeting could have come to light and the erroneous details that were being spread. Then Pastor Gary gave us all a hand-out and read it to us. It was a letter to the Congregation on that fact that he was terminating his relationship with Trinity. Many questions were asked and answered. Pastor said that he would not entertain staying at this point. Much discussion again, then Linda B. said she had talked to Pastor Susan Miller at the Synod office and that Pr. Susan said we would not be getting another Interim Pastor. Cindy G. talked about Trinity being a family and families going through bad times and that we learn from them. We need to go forward in a positive way. Charla D. also addressed this and why they as a family had returned to Trinity.

Pres. Jean jumped ahead to New Business as Pastor Gary was leaving early. Pastor Gary presented the names of Addison Malakowsky, Alyah Verness and Taysha Sternhagen and recommended them to be Confirmed on May 15<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Theresa B. with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy G. to approve this, passed. They are going on a retreat to Okoboji on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of April to do a service project of clean up there, Kim Nelson will also be going along with Pastor Gary. Then Pastor Gary left.

Katie J. suggested having a meeting after Church on Sunday to address questions about Pastor Gary resigning. We will do that. Linda B. talked about how Pastor Gary was an Interim pastor and how she thought we threw road blocks in his way.

Andrea J. said that the Worship and Music committee had told him this was the time to try new things, so that committee went along with most of his new ideas. Andrea asked the people present about all the changes they have seen in the services and people agreed, Kelly G. from that committee also talked about our trying many new things to see if they worked. So Linda B. was asked to specifically name some road blocks that were thrown in his way and could not.

Ron P. went over the MSP with the changes that have been made since the Town Hall meeting, these changes came from suggestions from the Congregation and also from the Call committee. A motion to approve the MSP to be submitted to the SE Synod office was made by Cindy G., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Verlaine W., passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cindy G. to accept the March 10<sup>th</sup> minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda B., passed.

Correspondence: A "Thank-you" was received from Dean Means for the tie blanket that was given to him. Also, a flyer was passed around from Good Earth Village about an Open House there on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### Committee Reports:

Family Faith Formation- Report on file, Chris H. sent it out and he talked about the fact that they had their first meeting with the Churches earlier today for VBS. Their next meeting will be May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 11:30AM.

Finance and Treasurer's Report-Ron gave the report and made a motion to approve the finance report as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris S., passed. The finance committee recommends upping the Scholarship amounts and more on that for next month. Their next meeting is Tues. May 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00.

Life and Missions: Report on file, Jean P. gave and talked about the meal last night and how the Worshippers from the Wed. night service came down and joined them with their potluck meal and said that is what they will do from now on. Such a good fellowship time, she hopes it will continue to increase numbers. The Twins bus trip was brought up about it costing \$50.00 and if that was a reasonable amount for the bus and decent seats. No objections, the bus holds up to 55 people. Also, LSS will be here this Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> they got back to the committee after the report went out. Their next meeting is Tues. May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15PM.

Premises Bob Y. gave and talked about the tuck pointing that needs to be done on the base of the Church. They should be here in June and the cost is a little over \$7000.00 and was approved at an earlier meeting. The 'Whole' has been worked on, the walls, ceiling and floors are done, and he has been in contact with Total Glass and Lock about the glass door for the 'Whole'. They will be coming soon. There was much discussion on the need for more handicap stalls, we can go around the North corner of the Church with them, no problem. Question on the garden area, need to find out if Scott and Shar Boelter will be taking care of that. Bids will be gotten for new brick work, different types will be checked. Their next meeting is after Worship on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May.

Worship and Music: Report on file, Andrea J. gave and their next meeting is Tues. May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30PM.

Staff Support and Personnel- Pres. Jean P. read a resignation letter from Amanda Bergland, as she has become too busy with school and her work in Mankato. Verlaine W. made a motion to regretfully accept Amanda's resignation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly G., passed.

Old Business: We talked about which members would be attending the SE Synod meeting in Rochester on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Pres. Jean P., and Andrea J. had already said they were going, but we can have 3 voting members. Cindy G. said she would be able to go on Friday and Theresa B. said she could attend on Sat. We will be leaving town about 6:30AM both days.

Pres. Jean brought up the collection that is taken at the Synod meeting and that it would be going to Lutheran Campus Ministry in Mankato and in Winona. Ron P. made a motion to send \$100.00 with the members attending for the collection, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Verlaine W., passed.

New Business: Andrea J. had been given a sheet about an upcoming benefit for Miss Bernadette at United Preschool on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. She was a teacher there and was Gracie DePoppe's teacher, who passed away suddenly at the age of 60. They need baked goods and they could be brought to the Church by Friday morning and Charla would be happy to pick them up. I gave Charla's phone # out for people.

Pres. Jean read a letter from Bob Goldman about a garage clean-up to take place the week of May 10-14, with things to be given or thrown away. A motion was made by Kelly G. to okay this, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris S., passed.

The Potential Congregation Audit Statement sheet that Ron P. handed out last month was handed out again and it was decided that we would go through a section a month. The first section will be on Resilient Pastor, Resilient Congregation.

Verlaine W. read the names of the Scholarship individuals. There are 3 seniors-Tyler Habana, Taylor Heavner and Hannah Schwemmler and 3 non-traditional students-Logan Enderson, Josephine Johnson and Samantha Stanley. Ron P. made a motion to approve the scholarships, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris S., passed.

Ron P. then went over the 1-3-5 year goals for Trinity.

Shinefest will be in May this year in the academy area for clean-up.

A motion was made by Cindy G. to move our meeting time to 5:30PM instead of 7:00PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theresa B., passed unanimously.

Pres. Jean wrapped us up on a positive note and we held hands and said the Lord's Prayer.

A move to adjourn was made by Theresa B, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly G., passed

Respectfully Submitted, Andrea Jensen, Secretary

## FFF Education Committee meeting minutes 01 May 2016

Attending: Kim Nelson, Mary Ness, Theresa Bush, Chris Hansen, Charla DePoppe, Jean Pectorious

1. Kim Nelson has come to us willing to volunteer to coordinate and work with the FFF committee and teachers. Welcome aboard.
2. Confirmation- We discussed May 4<sup>th</sup> measuring gowns and making stoles. May 11<sup>th</sup> is dinner and pictures. Confirmation Sunday is May 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. Baccalaureate is May 29<sup>th</sup>. It was decided parents will pin the flowers.
4. Attendance for Sunday school- There will be recognition for Students and Teachers May 22<sup>nd</sup> during the Church service.
5. Celebration of Sunday School- There will be games, a bounce house, food, face painting, flower pot planting and a Bean bag Toss. This will happen on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
6. July Splash will be July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Stanley house- Thank you Corky Stanley. Depending on how road construction is progressing on Park Avenue Summer splash may be held at the city beach.
7. Valley Fair trip will be June 25<sup>th</sup>. The bus will load at 7:45 and leave at 8:00 am SHARP. We will leave Valley Fair to come home at 5:00 PM. Cost for the trip is \$20 per person.
8. June July August doughnuts- Annette has volunteered to do June, Theresa has volunteered for August. This leaves July open for signups.
9. Saint John's escorts- We are looking at having youth and families escort residents to the Chapel one Sunday in July.
10. Como Park Zoo trip- We are tentatively planning on having this either August 13<sup>th</sup> or August 20<sup>th</sup>, more info to come at our next FFF/Education committee.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:15 PM

## LIFE AND MISSIONS COMMITTEE COUNCIL REPORT

Our committee met May 3rd at 5:15 p.m. with three members and one guest present.

Our order of business is as follows:

1. We discussed our Thank you not recipients.
2. We finalized our plans for the May 8th Brunch. So glad the men sing at the service and do the serving. Also nice to have carnations give to the women.
3. Planned our final Wednesday Night Meals. Our last meal for this season will be May 18th. We will serve the confirm ands and their families a dinner on May 11th in the Fireside Room.
4. Pelican Breeze Ride is set for August 12th. The first 50 signed up will get to go. The plan is to leave the dock at 5:30 p.m. We will provide pizza. Riders will bring their own beverage.
5. We will reschedule again to have the LSS Representative attend our Service in September.
6. We felt with all the activities planned during the summer that we would not try to do the Twins Game.
7. We decided to involve the entire council in getting a chairman and Committee for God's work Our hands.
8. We set our Welcome Minister Schedule.

Our next meeting will be June 6, 2016 at 5:15 p.m.

## Worship and Music Report

Worship and Music report We met on May 3rd with Nancy, Gloria, Cindy, Kelly and Andrea present.

We talked about Confirmation Sunday, which is also Pentecost Sunday and the fact that we will be doing a farewell litany that day for Pastor Gary.

We also talked about the Farewell coffee for Pastor Gary and Linda that this committee will be hosting. Gloria and Andrea will be coming up on Sat. the 14th to set out Pentecost flowers and get Jacobsen Hall ready for the coffee.

We needed a person to be in charge of our Wed. night services, and Cindy was okay with filling that position. Pastor Ken will be here the first Wed. of each month and Cindy will recruit people to lead the service the other nights. Thanks to Cindy for that.

On May 22nd we will have SS recognition and Pastor Todd Walsh will be with us.

Next month on the 26th of June Pastor Tammy Dalvang will be leading Worship.

We talked a little about Baccalaureate Sunday and if the younger Confirmation students would serve Communion. E-mailed Kim Nelson on this, she thought it was a good idea, but Sydney would not be here. Need to firm up.

Our next meeting is on June 7th at 5:30