

**NOTES FOR A MEETING OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
July 19, 2022**

Members present: Pastor Karri Anderson, Colleen Guilfoile, Sherry Holt, Cathy Johnson, David Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Michelle Kok, Craig Martin, LeRoy Mitchell, Pastor Terry Nordheim, Jackie Otte, Gary Peterson, George Popa, Linda Popa

Members absent: Diane John

Guest: Gail Seaver

Call to order

Craig Martin, president, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Devotions by Pastor Terry.

Approval of the agenda

- Jackie Otte moved to approve the agenda.
Second by Sherry Holt.
Motion carried.

Approval of minutes

- LeRoy Mitchell moved to approve the minutes from the June 21 Church Council meeting.
Second by Linda Popa.
Motion carried.

Pastor's report

Pastor Terry reviewed upcoming calendar items for August through November.

Associate pastor's report

Hartford Study sent a survey about exploring the impact of the pandemic on congregations. Pastor Karri filled out and returned the survey. Trinity will receive \$1,200 for this.

ELCA is hosting a *Truth Seeking and Truth Telling* initiative regarding Lutheran involvement in Indian boarding schools in the United States. Rachel Molina and Pastor Karri will be attending.

Pastor Karri will be on vacation August 8-14.

Trinity's future organist Dennis Alfveby will play the organ with JoAnne Endres on July 31, followed by a meet and greet.

Committee liaison reports

Colleen Guilfoile asked when repairs to the South exterior door to the fellowship hall will be completed. LeRoy Mitchell stated that repairs are expected to be completed by the end of July. He noted that the door can be opened in an emergency, so it may be used as a fire exit.

Property Committee: We still has no air conditioning in the sanctuary. An air conditioning repair service will be visiting to inspect and try to identify the cause of the outage.

- David Johnson moved to accept committee reports.

Second by George Popa.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

Total May budgeted income: \$43,280

Total May actual income: \$27,350

Total budgeted income through May: \$222,934

Total actual income through May: \$213,899

Total May budgeted expenses: \$43,217

Total May actual expenses: \$48,041

Total budgeted expenses through May: \$268,642

Total actual expenses through May: \$276,673

Starting in July Trinity will transfer \$10,000 from the 2020 operation reserves. This is in compliance with a prior congregation vote.

The auditors will have a meeting on Thursday, July 21 with Exec and finance. The auditors have not found anything of significance.

Old business

Gail Seaver gave an update on the work of the Building Renovation Committee:

Feedback from the two informational meetings was mostly positive with some discussion on the reported estimated project cost of \$1,419,296.

Unfortunately, the \$1,419,296 has since gone up due to a major error in the calculation received from our architect after the informational meetings were held. The actual cost projection is \$2,048,096.

However, after considerable discussion, it was decided to significantly reduce the scope of work for the office remodel portion to bring down the total cost of the project. The office remodel cost was estimated to be \$593,225.

We now believe that the roof repair is not tied to bringing the bathrooms up to the American Disability Act (ADA) requirements at the same time and that we can possibly move ahead with replacing the roof sooner (2022) along with most of the HVAC equipment.

The remainder of the work would be planned for 2023 and would include the remainder of the HVAC equipment, the upgraded ADA bathrooms, carpet, windows, security, and fire alarms.

Some committee members met on Zoom with Lev Buslovich from Apadana Solar to learn more about the installation of solar panels on Trinity's roof. The committee has not made any decision on solar panel installation on Trinity's building. An interesting point from this meeting is the Trinity could have 26% of the cost of the roof covered by credits if the roof and solar panels are installed at the same time or within a specific time period.

An information mailing is being prepared to send to congregation members. Although electronic information has been supplied frequently, we feel it is time for members to have more information that they can refer to easily...

The roof and HVAC renovations would be paid for entirely from the Pearl and Elmer Nelson bequest.

Council discussed the desire for another information session to present the planned upgrades to the congregation.

- David Johnson moved to call a congregational meeting to authorize roof and HVAC upgrades to be done in 2022. Meeting to be held on August 28.

Second by Linda Popa.

Motion carried.

Council discussed the schedule for a capital appeal campaign to finish remaining building projects next year.

New Business

Organist pay scale

- Jackie Otte moved to increase the organist pay to \$250 per Sunday, which includes back pay for JoAnne Endres effective July 1st, with the additional cost to be covered by the Bequest Staff Salary money, if needed.

Second by Craig Martin.

Motion carried.

Scholarship committee

Pastor Terry summarized the status of the scholarship fund and the committee.

- David Johnson moved to give the scholarship committee authority to assign annual scholarship gifts based on applications and dollars available.
Second by Cathy Johnson.

Sherry Holt asked if this was a one-time authorization or ongoing. Answer is that this is an ongoing authorization

Motion carried.

Other

Sherry Holt noted that Trinity will sponsor community meals 3:30 to 6:30 on Monday August 8. There is a signup sheet on the church bulletin board.

Family movie night is July 29. Seating at 6:00. Movie at 7:00. The movie is *Horton Hears a Who*.

Senior pastor resignation

Pastor Terry submitted a letter of resignation to Council, effective October 31, 2022, for reasons of health, a desire to spend time pursuing other activities, and family.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made by Sherry Holt.
Second by LeRoy Mitchell.
Motion carried.

Submitted by Gary L. Peterson (Secretary)