

**MINUTES FROM A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
FOR TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
August 28, 2022**

Call to order

Craig Martin, president, called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM.

Opening prayer: Pastor Terry Nordheim

Confirmation of quorum

At least 78 members counted in attendance. Gary Peterson, Church Council Secretary, confirmed a quorum.

Approval of the agenda

- Pam Lukens moved to approve the agenda.
Second by Larry Guilfoile.
Motion carried.

Review of Robert's Rules of Order: Christine Fuge

Building Renovation Committee Recommendation

Jenna Wojcik summarized the building renovation process and history. The Building Renovation Committee recommends replacement of the flat roof and some of the HVAC systems. The vote today is to authorize use of funds from the Pearl and Elmer Nelson Bequest for this work. The Building and Renovation Committee recommends starting the work in 2022, if contractor availability allows this, or 2023. The language on the ballot has already been reviewed and approved by Church Council. The Building and Renovation Committee anticipates that the cost of the project is well within the available funds in the Pearl and Elmer Nelson bequest. A cost estimate is not yet available because bids from contractors are in process and have not yet been received.

Building renovation: Motion from the Church Council

A motion to authorize the replacement of the flat roof over the fellowship hall and adjoining hallway, and to do some mechanical replacements of heating, air-conditioning, and hot water systems at Trinity in 2022. This motion also includes consideration of replacement of the flat roof over the Kirvida lounge and the peaked roof over the sanctuary pending receipt of contractor bids and available funds. Funds for this project will come from the Pearl and Elmer Nelson bequest that was authorized for that purpose by a vote of the congregation on October 4, 2020. The start of this work is contingent upon the schedule of the roofing and mechanical contractors and the availability of equipment and supplies. This authorization extends into 2023 if work is not able to be completed this year.

- Pam Lukens moved to support the motion as written.
Second by George Popa.

Discussion

Marcia Smith thanks the Building and Renovation committee for its hard work and dedication.

Mark Lukens asked if there is a ballpark figure for the cost of the project. Jenna Wojcik stated that \$212,000 is estimated for the 2022 cost and an additional \$31,000 in 2023 for HVAC (Aerotek).

Russ Morris asked if there is a list of what is to be done? Craig Martin noted that this was provided at the information meetings. Matt Mitchell stated that we do not have an actual dollar figure, because some of the roofing costs may be covered by insurance, and there are other outstanding issues at this time. Craig Martin recalls that the flat roof cost is in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

Mary Haggland asked if there is an estimate for the time needed for the insurance company to respond. Leroy Mitchell stated that we expect to hear something next week.

Lavonne Ludke was wondering what is included in the HVAC. She would like the information to be posted on the website.

Tim Christensen asked if we are essentially voting on a blank check. Craig Martin noted that the maximum of \$470,000 would not be exceeded. Tim asked if we have received any bids at this time, noting that we do not know the cost until we receive bids.

George Popa noted that we might have solar panels installed. If so the company may pick up 28% of the roof replacement. Craig Martin noted that the solar panel installation is not part of today's vote. Solar panels would have to come up for approval of Council and a congregation vote.

Rhonda Mattson asked when we will have information from the bids. Jenna Wojcik stated that we expect a bid later this week. Rhonda asked if we want to consider tabling the motion until more information is available. Carol Johnson feels that the committee has been working on this for a long time, and that waiting for information will delay the project. She wants to proceed with the vote. Pastor Terry Nordheim noted that if we wait, a 30 day notice is required for a new meeting, and that it may not be possible to start the project before winter sets in. He noted that we had hoped bids would be available by now, but the bids are not yet in.

- Russ Morris moved to amend the motion to state that the congregation is approving expenditures that are not to exceed \$470,000.
Pam Lukens agreed to the amendment, and George Popa also agreed.

Amendment carried by voice vote unanimously.

Vote on the motion

The motion was voted on by written ballot. Outcome is reported below.

Pastoral transition update

The Executive Committee met with Justin Grim, who is assistant to the Bishop. Trinity will be assigned an interim pastor. The Executive Committee is responsible for interviewing the candidates and approving the interim pastor. The interim pastor is expected to start by November 1. In 2023 a call committee will be formed, which will search for a full-time pastor.

Report on outcome of the vote

Vote to approve reported by Colleen Guilfoile. **Motion carried: 78 yes and 1 no.**

Closing prayer: Pastor Karri Anderson

Motion to adjourn

- Mary Haggland moved to adjourn.
Second by Bonnie Houger.
Motion carried.

Submitted by Gary L. Peterson (Secretary)