

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 18, 2021 Fellowship Hall/Zoom Conference**

**Call to Order:** Zachary Arbore      **Time:** 7:02 pm

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Paula Schmitt led the council in prayer.

**Roll Call & Action on Absentees:**

Present at Fellowship Hall - Zachary Arbore, Amanda Cole, Meri Beth Elder, Herb Harris, Kathe Houck, Donna Jeffrey, Jodi Kronenwetter, Michael Macey, Karen Mowry, Pastor Paula Schmitt, and Christine Weller.

Present on Zoom – Dana Shannon

**Motion** to excuse Kennette Grohal, Rick Neish, and Mark Jones: Herb Harris. Second: Amanda Cole. Motion carried.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

**Motion** to add Return to Worship motions to agenda: Kathe Houck. Second: Herb Harris. Motion carried.

**Consideration of Council Minutes:**

**Motion** to accept April 20, 2021, Council Minutes: Jodi Kronenwetter. Second: Herb Harris. Motion carried.

**Communications:** No report.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Rick Neish unable to attend meeting, no verbal report.

**Motion** to accept April Treasurer's Report: Herb Harris. Second: Pastor Paula Schmitt. Motion carried.

**Ministry Report:**

Updates from Pastor Paula Schmitt

- The resolution regarding Pastor Schock's Pastor Emeritus status to be placed in the bulletin Pastor Emeritus.
  - Clarification from Bishop Kusserow - "he has no rights and privileges...", although Pastor Schock may be able to be asked to perform duties.
- Trinity website redesign. Kelsey Stemple, Office Coordinator, requests pictures of Council and Committee Chairpersons. Contact will be through a form not personal email addresses.

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**Health and Wellness Coordinator**

Christine Weller updated Council on services she is providing and organizing to congregation and community.

**Committee Reports**

**Christian Education - Jodi Kronenwetter**

- Sunday School - Mother's Day activity
- Weekly Sunday School lessons included printed devotions for summer from Pastor Paula. Kids loved them.
- Club FRED continuing
- Regular communication with Sunday School parents.
- Last Sunday School was May 23, 2021
- Summer activities
- Leadership – card making activities.
- Movie Night – *Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*

Finance - Report tabled to June.

**Stewardship – Zachary Arbore and Amanda Cole**

- Started a video series – Ministries at work, Club FRED (in process of being edited).
- Fall Campaign themes – People Revive Us (possibly). Coming back after the pandemic.
- Most likely will proceed with standard campaign but working with Pastor Paula regarding alternatives.
- Possibly including operational costs in the bulletin so congregation can understand the cost of running the church.

**Nominating Committee**

Jim Burica, Ron Gess, Susan Vargo, Kelly Clever, Keegan Shannon, Dave Vogel  
Need one more member.

**Audit Committee**

Continuing the search for 2 new members.

**Multi-Media Committee**

Request for committees to complete the Multi-Media Request Form to allow for planning and editing.

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**Executive Committee:**

Congregational Self-Study from Synod provided.

- Distribution to congregation to understand what is important when calling a new senior pastor.

Annual Ministry Meeting Update

- Sign-up sheet to assist with setup and clean up.

**Motions:**

*Executive Committee:*

**Motion** to engage a professional survey firm to conduct a congregational study to prepare for call committee process.

Amend motion to wording from engage to explore: Kathe Houck. Second: Pastor Paula Schmitt. Motion carried.

**Motion** to explore a professional survey firm to conduct a congregational study to prepare for call committee process: Amanda Cole. Second: Herb Harris. Motion carried.

*Council:*

**Motion** to accept the proposal from the Multi-Media Committee for upgraded equipment for livestreaming. Motion carried.

*Special Gifts:*

**Motion** to sponsor Laurel Area Faith in Action summer event at a level of \$250. Motion carried.

*Return to Worship:*

**Motion** to maintain social distancing and mask wearing until Pennsylvania lifts its mask mandate. Motion carried.

**Motion** to sing during worship while wearing masks. Motion carried.

**Motion** to maintain social distance between non-familial groups with optional masking outdoor, with the exception of communion. Masks must be worn when communing. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

Still need courtyard name for Jun 20<sup>th</sup> celebration for Pastor Schock.

**New Business:**

Funeral meals to return with a maximum of 50 attendees.

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**Motion to Adjourn:** Herb Harris. Second: Karen Mowry. 8:55 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Zoom is also available.