

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 15, 2021 (Lounge)**

**Call to Order:** Zachary Arbore      **Time:** 7:00 pm

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

**Roll Call & Action on Absentees:**

Present: Rick Neish, Kathe Houck, Mark Jones, Zach Arbore, Donna Jeffery, Amanda Cole, Pastor Paula Schmitt, Herb Harris, Dana Shannon, Meri Beth Elder, Karen Mowry, and Jodi Kronenwetter.

Absent: Kennette Grohal and Michael Macey

**Motion** to excuse Kennette Grohal and Michael Macey: Meri Beth Elder. Second: Herb Harris. Motion carried.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

- Property – change of wording to flag motion.
- Consideration of Congregation Minutes to July
- Letter G under 7 – Respect Ad Hoc committee

**Motion** to accept with changes: Herb Harris. Second: Pastor Paula. Motion carried.

**Consideration of Council Minutes:**

Council Meeting May 18, 2021

- Health and Wellness – page 5 change to providing
- Committee Report Christian Ed – Fred change to FRED
- Stewardship – Fred change to FRED

**Motion** to accept May 18, 2021, Council Minutes: Mark Jones. Second: Meri Beth Elder. Motion carried.

**Communications:** No report.

**Treasurer's Report:**

May 2021 Report

- Positive cash flow
- Page 11 – office cost underbudget
- Christian Ed – budget for the remainder of the year.

**Motion** to accept the May Treasurer's Report: Donna Jeffrey. Second: Herb Harris. Motion carried.

Proposed 2022 Budget

- August – Annual Budget CR
  - All committee compensation and budget requests from committees.

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- If information is not received, Council will not have a preliminary budget in September.
- Property
  - Prioritize by need not by dollar amount
  - Property can move ahead after punch list at TLC to roof repair of church.
- Mutual ministry and personnel should meet jointly – representation from the finance committee is requested.

**Ministry Report:**

Updates from Pastor Paula Schmitt

- Resignations:
  - Ron Lawson last day June 18
  - Christine Weller last day June 24
- Bishop Kusserow has 3 names of Interim pastors
- August 8<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Paula's last day
- Christine Weller and Pastor Paula setting up work with Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute. If grant money is not spent, it must be returned
  - PPI meeting June 16, 2021

**Committee Reports**

*Evangelism*

**Hospitality**

Updated Trinity Welcome Packet, Connected Thrivent members with how to use their Action Team money to cover the costs of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner also did several monthly mailings to stay connected during the shutdown. Made prayer beads to share with members.

**Spiritual Life**

Encouraged Holy Week Prayers through Facebook. Connected with a new missionary and will continue to stay connected with our missionaries and keep the members informed, continue to share Care Notes and are putting monthly information in the Triangle.

**Communication/Outreach**

Bingo with the National Church Registry Apartments, stay connected with new members through quarterly post card with personal notes on them, continue Birthday calling and Prayer chain. Our Multimedia subcommittee has done an amazing job with staying connected through livestreaming and social media.

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*Evangelism – (Communication/Outreach) Continued*

They are now updating our equipment to make this easier and have better quality. They are also updating our website.

*Leadership - Rising UP, Nurturing, Mentoring*

We continue to search for new members for our committee and look forward to having small groups and short-term classes.

*Property*

- TLC house is moving slowly, but it's almost finished
- Punch list – from contractor
- Ron Lawson to provide current list to Herb Harris prior to his departure.

*Worship & Music*

- April 2021 – returned to singing.
- Planning for Congregation meeting.
- Discussion on how to navigate the Pastor Schock event with Men's Communion Breakfast. No issue MCB cancelled.
- Congregation Picnic – bring your own food.
- Decorator resigned – advertising for new volunteer(s)
- Deacons, lectors, ushers
- No urgency for acolytes now – only would need to light and extinguish candles.

*July Reports - CYFM, Fellowship, Social Ministry*

*Audit*

New member for audit committee needed. Contact Rick Neish or Zachary Arbore.

Audit report was in the Annual Report. Congregation will vote at next meeting.

*Nominating*

Jim Burica – actively working getting remaining members.

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*Multi-Media*

- New Cameras and mounts were delivered. Multi-Media committee to meet soon to determine placement of cameras and live streaming equipment (locked balcony).
- New website being developed.
- OnSolve Call System – Phone/Text message communication. Church will begin outreach to congregation to collect phone numbers of those who wish to participate.

*Executive Committee*

- Congregational Survey – moving ahead with exploring data survey companies to assist with congregation wishes for new pastor.
- All committees are required to submit names of chair, secretary to Kelsey Stemple.

*Ad Hoc (Respect)*

- Next meeting June 30
- Elect a chair (cannot be Kathe due to the Bylaws)

**God's Work. Our Hands.:**

- Event – Sunday, September 12, 2021
- Synod-wide event – under IServe.

**Motions:**

*Finance*

Christian Education 2021 Budget Request of \$4,740. Motion carried.

To install an American flagpole/flag near the Veterans Memorial. Lighting will be solar and/or spotlight. Funding from appropriate resources or special gifts. Motion carried.

**Return to Worship:**

RTW will meet when Council requests the group reevaluate Trinity's procedures based on Pennsylvania's changing recommendations.

**Motion to have RTW meet the last week of June: Amanda Cole. Second: Donna**

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Jeffrey. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

Courtyard name for June 20 Celebration: The "Jeffrey Schock Courtyard".

**New Business:**

- Exit Interviews for Ron Lawson and Christine Weller
- Pastor Clement 55<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary
  - Motion to donate \$200 to United Lutheran Seminary in honor of Pastor Clement 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination: Herb Harris. Second: Mark Jones. Motion carried.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Mark Jones. Second: Dana Shannon. 9:08 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 7:00 pm (Zoom participation available)