

**Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting - Unofficial Minutes**

November 17, 2022 – 6:30 pm

Conference Room

**Members present:** Troy Zander (President), Bob Baumann (by Zoom), Bev Cross, Chris Berglund, Kyle Gebhardt, Sue Kolling, Matt McMerty (by Zoom), Dean Natwick, Colleen Peterson, Londa Rodahl, Danette Welsh and Pastor Mark Narum.

Devotions were given by Sue Kolling.

**Approval of Agenda:** Sue Kolling moved approval of the agenda. Second by Bev Cross and carried.

**Acceptance of Consent Agenda:** Kyle Gebhardt moved acceptance of the Consent Agenda. Second by Danette Welsh and carried.

**Financial Report:** Kyle Gebhardt reported October revenues of \$80,459.21, expenses of \$68,067.32, leaving a balance of \$12,391.89. Year-to-Date: revenues \$625,835.07, expenses \$622,404.70, balance \$3,430.37. Chris Berglund moved that the Council received the financial report. Second by Dean Natwick and carried.

**Budget:** Pastor Mark distributed an updated budget. Discussion followed on several issues and Pastor Mark will make those adjustments. The Council will make its final decision on the budget next month.

**Dwelling in the World:** We split into two groups and answered these questions: With Trinity's mission statement: What has gone well this year? What should be top priorities for the council/congregation in 2023?

**Old Business:**

*Fire Detection/Alarm Task Force Update:* Colleen Peterson reported on the presentation she gave after last evening's service on the current equipment in the building and what all is needed. Her report explained to them that we plan to have this work completed in phases unless something we currently have quits working and then we'll have to reassess the project. She will be giving the same presentation following the 8:30 and 10:30 services on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Property Issue:* Pastor Mark questioned if we should send a letter to our neighbor on the northeast corner regarding the fence she installed that is on our property. The Council agreed we should have something in writing about this issue; therefore, Pastor Mark will contact Murray Sagsveen, synod attorney, about what should be included in the letter.

*Call Process – what next?* Pastor Mark noted that the Bishop has been out of the office so the Letter of Call paperwork likely hasn't yet been sent to Pastor Martha HarriSon. She will have thirty days after receiving the Letter of Call to make her decision.

*Copier:* Since our October meeting, Heather Baumann has received information on another company's copier and its lease agreement. We will hold on this issue until December.

**New Business:**

*Publishing Minutes:* Pastor Mark noted it has been requested that the Council minutes be published/posted so other committees and congregation members are aware of what transacts at our meetings. The Council agreed this is a good idea and the minutes will be added to the website.

*Staff Appreciation:* Our potluck for the church staff will be held beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> prior to our Council meeting. Everyone stated what they will bring.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted,  
Londa Rodahl, Secretary