

## Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

July 15, 2013

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, August 19, 2013**

**Devotions: Randy Nelson      Refreshments: Korla Masters**

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**Present:** Council members: Jay Carlson, , Kari Klevens, Mark Holm, Sara Jensen, Korla Masters, Bruce Johnson, Pam Blomgren, Bruce Martens, Dennis Nordholm, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Joyce Peterson, Josh Becker, Randy Nelson, Drew Lindorfer, Anna Brelje; Parish Outreach Coordinator: Meghan Olsen Biebighauser

**Absent:** Mary Engen, Laura Bolstad

**Call to Order:** Jeff Olsen Biebighauser called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Devotions:** Sara Jensen read John 13:34 and related a story about showing love to those who show you hate, ending with the question, "How do you love everybody?"

**Check in:** Members shared important events from the past month.

**Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 17, 2013, Council minutes with amendments. Motion carried.

#### Reports

*Pastor:*

- Upcoming new member Sunday
- Worship and Fine Arts – update about Julie Lindorff's final Sunday single worship service

A motion was made and seconded to establish a Julie Lindorff Gift Fund. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

- Funeral for Eleanor Ostrom. Her nephew will give a memorial gift designated to the seminary tuition fund.

*Treasurer:*

- Income Statement: Property is higher than budgeted. Personnel is down due to Dana's leaving and not having been replaced yet. The new associate pastor will be called later than originally anticipated.
- Thank you to the Kellys for the pergola over the outside stage.
- Funds were received from Trudy Ladwig's Estate in the amount of \$117,640. Funds will be distributed as follows: 50% to endowment; 40% for Holy Trinity will be discussed at

the August Council meeting, including a recommendation from the executive committee; 10% to be distributed outside Holy Trinity will also be discussed in August.

- Bids on the Bartsch Room lift have come in higher; the issue will need to go to the congregation for a vote if the amount is over \$25,000.
- The boiler will be installed next spring. A request for remaining funds is on hold until January or February. Discussion about the boiler and funding followed.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

*Secretary:*

- No report

*Vice President:*

- No report

*President:*

- Devotions/refreshments reminder

**Standing Committees:** Committee reports were sent out ahead of the Council meeting (see appendix). Jeff Olsen Biebighauser called for a brief discussion of specific items committees would like to draw attention to.

*Youth*

- 8/5 – Children’s leaders are invited to children, youth and family ministry key leaders meeting.
- 8/9 – Youth musical by Dick Wilson.

*Nurturing*

- Lutheran Night at the Twins is coming up. Sign up still available.

*Parish Organizing*

- Exodus Lending steering committee – seeking short term project manager; job description will be sent out soon. The position will be from August through November. It will be part time – up to 15 hours per week – and will be responsible for social media, website, meeting coordination, etc.

*Christian Education*

- Big push is starting for the Symposium, which will focus on the changing climate with Larry Rasmussen presenting.
- Paul Douglas will kick off the fall climate change focus with a meeting in September.
- 8/23 – End of summer evening concert.

*Outreach*

- 8/11 – Open Streets – 11:00 service will be outdoors; The Hub will be doing bike checkup station and other bike related things.

**Old Business:**

Call committee update. Second round interviews will take place this week. The committee hopes to have a candidate selected soon. Three or four candidates will have second interviews. Discussion followed about the call process. The Council will need to vote to recommend the selected candidate to the congregation. The associate pastor will be in place by Reformation Day (end of October). Discussion followed of how the Council will handle meeting the candidate. A decision was made to hold 8/7 for a tentative meeting.

Discussion was held about the process for a new organist, both interim and permanent.

**New Business:**

Discussion took place about the office staff search. Dana is not being replaced right away; volunteers are filling in right now.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Drew Lindorfer, Secretary

**END OF MEETING NOTES**

## APPENDIX

### COMMITTEE REPORTS July 2013

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

##### *Adult Forums*

July 21 - Conversation Circle: "Sanctuary" - Shelley Grimes

28 - Conversation Circle: "Meditation" - Dick Wilson

August 4 - Conversation Circle: "Humor/Laughter" - Mike Mann

11 - "My Life Journey - My Faith Journey"

##### *Fall Symposium*

A major effort in publicizing the event will be taking place in the next month. The dates are the weekend of November 8 - 10 with Larry Rasmussen as featured presenter.

##### *Tanzania Trip*

Planning for the Tanzania trip from January 20 to February 10, 2014 is going well. Approximately 15 people are planning to participate which includes members of the congregation and friends of the congregation.

#### OUTREACH

Nothing new to report

#### NURTURING

Did not meet this month

#### HOUSING

Nothing new to report

#### ORGANIZING

Day on the Grill, July 14.

We will continue to learn about legal issues pertaining to Exodus Lending in the next month.

#### YOUTH

Did not meet in July

#### PROPERTY

New windows will be installed in the Sky Room. Two additional bids are being submitted for the Bartsch room lift.

#### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The committee passed a recommendation that the Executive Committee approve the disbursement of \$500 from the Special Grants fund for Meagan McLaughlin to use for seminary expenses.

The Church has received a check for \$117,647.07 from the estate of Trudy Ladwig.

The committee discussed reviving the boiler appeal and reached consensus to wait until early next year to make a push for completing the appeal prior to the start of work, after the end of the heating season in the spring of 2014.

#### WORSHIP/FINE ARTS

Discussed the interim music director and plans for hiring a permanent director.

#### PEACE WITH JUSTICE

Did not meet this month.

#### PERSONNEL

Reviewed parameters for wages/benefits for the interim organist. The committee chair conducted an exit interview with Julie Lindorff.