

## **HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Monday, March 29, 2018 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Michael Douglas, Donna Scott, Katelyn Hollaway, Chris Engen, Bryan Kuzel, Nicki Hines, John Sulzbach, Judy Davison, Ben Martinez, Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastor Hans Lee, David Krig, Vicki Mann

**Devotions:** Bryan read a poem by Wendell Berry.

**Check-in:** Members shared news of their lives.

**Congregational Mission:** The first statement was discussed—*We, the baptized people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, are committed to bearing witness to God's creative and redeeming actions within the life of this community and world.*

**Approval minutes from previous council meeting:** Approved with two small changes to be made.

**Vice-President's report:** Council discussed the committee reports.

**President's report:** Bryan thanked those who are working on the grant proposals and the congregational goals. Also, it would be helpful to have a Googledocs "home" for all council-related reports, minutes, agendas, etc. He will explore how that could best work.

**Secretary's report:** Next month, Chris will do devotions, Katelyn will provide treats.

**Treasurer's report:** John highlighted some items in the reports. *The Council voted to accept the financial reports.*

**Lead Pastor's report:**

Eleven associate pastor candidates were interviewed. Five of those will be interviewed a second time.

David Krig and Ingrid attended the conference gathering. David, Brian, Meghan Olsen-Biebighauser, and Pastor Ingrid will attend Synod Assembly

The month was busy with baptisms and pastoral care visits.

Easter Sunday will be Pastor Hans' final Sunday with us. There will be a sending ceremony and a farewell reception for him on March 25, Palm Sunday. He's brought us many gifts, a clear mind, and approachable spirit. We are grateful.

We will have fill-in preachers on some of the Sundays until the arrival of a new associate pastor.

**Associate Pastor's report:** Pastor Hans shared a written interim pastor's reports. He stressed that we are a model congregation for the synod. Our great age diversity at HT is an asset. The increasing number of young adults might someday mean that we will need to do differently some organizational things.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Grant Opportunities:** Nicki reported on her research on the Riverside Innovation Hub (Augsburg University) and Communities of Calling (St. John's University).

After discussion, the *Council passed a motion to apply for the grant for Track One of the Riverside Innovation Hub.*

Nicki will gather more details about Communities of Calling to present at the April 16 meeting.

**Fiscal sponsorship of The Doctrine of Discovery film:** Chuck Jordan, Bill Roberts, Mike Miller, Pastor Ingrid, and Vicki Mann researched the questions that arose at the February 19 Council meeting and drafted a partnership agreement. After discussion, the *Council approved the agreement for Holy Trinity to be the fiscal sponsor for the \$10,000 for the film's trailer.* Vicki will discuss with the film maker how to handle monthly spending reports. No out-of-pocket costs are expected for Holy Trinity.

**Congregational Goals:** Katelyn, Roberta, David, Ben and Bryan reported on their work on goals. The themes that arose from congregants' input at the annual meeting were global/neighborhood involvement; sexuality/gender; racial justice; nurturing our faith for the work of justice. The Council discussed goal timelines, various methods of goal-setting, specificity of goals, the purpose of goals. The working group will come to the April meeting with proposed goals.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Temporary pastoral assistant:** Pastor Ingrid presented a proposal for the hiring of a pastoral assistant for twenty hours per week until a new associate pastor is on board. This proposal was approved by the personnel committee. *The Council approved the temporary position of pastoral assistant.* Meagan McLaughlin will be offered the position.

**Candidate travel:** *The Council approved up to \$5,000 to cover travel costs for out-of-town final candidates for the associate pastor position.*

**Holy Trinity Apartments Ownership:** In 1991, Holy Trinity became 1/3 owner of the apartments, along with Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation and Community Housing Development Corporation. We have 3 seats on the asset management board. The other owners have two seats each. Public funding is now available for much-needed renovation. Funding is limited by funds available. If Holy Trinity and GMHC ceded their ownership on paper, to CHDC, loans would be available. Holy Trinity would retain its seats on the asset management board and continue to receive the asset management fee. In this new arrangement, Holy Trinity could re-draw property lines to re-gain land that we gave away when the apartments were built. If CHDC ever backed out of the deal or stopped doing affordable housing at Trinity Apartments, Holy Trinity would inherit the property. We are exploring the option of giving away our one third of the property.

**Closing:** Bryan read John O'Donohue's "Blessing of Solitude."

**Adjournment** at 9:10 p.m.