

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**

**Present:** Chris Engen, Nicki Hines, Ben Martinez, Juliann Breting Rohn, Judy Davison, Katelyn Hollaway, Bryan Kuzel, Ingrid Rasmussen, Michael Douglas, Roberta Shaw

**Absent:** John Sulzbach, David Krig, Angela Khabeb, Donna Scott

**Devotions:** Katelyn read *I Can Praise God*, a children's book.

**Check-in:** People shared events in their lives.

*The August 20, 2018, meeting minutes were approved by the Council.*

**REPORTS**

**Vice President:** Juliann led discussion of the monthly committee reports.

The Peace with Justice for All Creation committee has raised many good questions about the workings of the Committee on Public Voice. Juliann will pass along these questions/concerns to Meghan Olsen-Biebighauser.

**President:** Bryan spoke of the joy of Pastor Angela's installation service on Sunday. Others expressed the same.

**Treasurer:** Bryan and Ingrid commented on the end-of-summer usual gap between budget requirements and budget receipts.. Properties expenses are over-budget because of unexpected repairs, but this is offset by lower-than-budgeted personnel expenses. The youth budget is over because more youth than usual participated in trips, as the confirmation class is larger than it was when we had a four-year program.

*The Council voted to accept the financial documents.*

**Lead Pastor:**

Pastor Angela is away at a class at Marquette.

Thanks to all for welcoming Angela so well in the last six weeks.

Holy Trinity and other congregations did apply for the synod's Ministry Imagination grant, to develop a new liturgy.

Ingrid thanked all for their roles in supporting Pastor Stephanie Erdman, her family, and Edina Community Lutheran Church on the death of Stephanie.

Ingrid participated in a groundbreaking for an Alliance Housing affordable housing building on Lake Street, site of Mc Mahon's pub that burned down.

**Nominating Committee** will meet on October 18.

**Bathroom renovations:** Ingrid has contacted the people who were on the original design team three years ago, to see if they are interested in exploring our options. This is not the start of a big capital campaign! If anyone knows of someone who is especially interested in this issue, please let Ingrid know.

**Innovation Hub:** Asefa, the person assigned to us by Augsburg University, has been notified that his work visa has been approved and should arrive shortly. Once that is in place, he will begin working twenty hours a week here and twenty at Bethlehem Lutheran on Lyndale.

**Stewardship Campaign:** Connie Adams gave the first temple talk on Sunday. Ingrid shared an updated list of the project wish-list for extra funds for next year's budget. The Stewardship Committee is working on hopes of a 10% increase in giving, to support the congregation's work in the areas of hospitable facilities, racial justice and ministry excellence.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Congregational Goal Related to Racial Justice.** An identified action related to the congregation's goal on racial justice reads, "identifying 2-3 community organizations in our immediate neighborhood led by communities of color and prioritize our partnership with them, offering HT's resources and deferring to their leadership." The Racial Justice Committee researched several organizations. They identified, and has met with, three organizations that meet the criteria of this goal—Council on American-Islamic Relations Minnesota (CAIR-MN), Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha (CTUL), and Village Financial Cooperative. These organizations will tell us how we can take specific action to support their concerns.

*The Council passed a motion to support the actions of the racial justice group in relationship with these three organizations.*

**Closing:** Katelyn read the prayers in *Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep*.

**Meeting adjourned.**