

**Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline**  
**Council Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 14, 2017**  
**Faith Hall**

**Attendance:** Diana Alm, Jane Bahls, Bob Blew, Pastor Larry Conway, Karen Dowsett, Nancy Greer, Judy Johnson, Len Lindell, Bill Lootens, Liam Haskill, Judy Johnson, Bob Ruud, Craig Tillman, Alli Vandermyde.

Craig Tillman offered a devotional poem, "It Might Have Been Otherwise," focusing on all that we've been given, and the transitory nature of life.

Karen called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

Karen added several items to the agenda. Bob moved and Bill seconded to approve the agenda. Motion approved. Minutes of October meeting approved as e-mailed.

Offering signups led into a discussion of the number of services on Christmas Eve. Worship team proposed keeping both Sunday morning services on Dec. 24, Christmas Eve. Craig moved to refer it back to Worship Team to reconsider, because of concerns about the burden on volunteers. Jane seconded. A discussion followed. Motion passed, with Pastor Larry abstaining.

**Staff and Ministry Team Reports:** Alli distributed printed copies of the Property Team and Tech Team reports, as those two reports were not included in what was e-mailed out. She paced through these extensive reports. Bob moved and Jane seconded to approve the ministry and staff reports. Approved.

**Finance Report:** Bill reported that income is up both for the month and the year. Expenses are down. Birdies for Charity brought in more than \$12,000 more than Eric budgeted. Altar Flowers fund is in the red. We ask people to contribute \$20 to sponsor flowers, but we pay \$25. Referred to Barb Johnston of the Worship Team. Would HyVee appreciate an annual contract? Pop fund is in the red, which is because it's bought before it's purchased. Why do we charge for pop and not for coffee? Referred to Harvest. Bob Blew moved and Bob Ruud seconded to approve finance report. Motion approved.

### **Old Business**

- Church Study - "A Way Forward" Ad Hoc Committee – Karen reported that the team has met four times, including speakers and consultants. Who would notice, other than our members, if our church closed? Karen solicited written comments.
- Guidelines for undesignated bequests/funds – Bob Blew reported on the Executive Committee's recommendation that Appendix D of the Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions, describing the Property Reserve Fund, be amended to add a point 6: "The Property Reserve Fund shall accrue from new designated bequests, life

insurance or other estate planned provisions received by the church. In addition, any undesignated bequests, life insurance, or other estate-planned provisions received by the church shall be put in the Property Reserve Fund. Bob Blew moved and Jane seconded to approve this clause, which puts in writing what we have been doing. Motion passed.

- Continuing Resolutions: Bob B. reported that he was checking prior minutes to see what continuing resolutions Council has passed that need to go into the document. He offered to work with Karen on procedures to make sure that continuing resolutions approved by Council get updated properly.
- Tech Support Proposal – Alli Vandermyde had reported earlier in the meeting on the search for a tech support proposal. Nancy moved and Pastor Larry seconded to approve continuing to retain Platinum and accept their proposal for new equipment. Motion passed.
- Bishop Clements Re-Mark-able Visit, Nov. 28, Faith Hall – Karen described the light dinner that Trinity is to provide prior to the 6:00 arrival of guests, and 7:00 program. Expense of HyVee catered dinner is to be Trinity's. Karen circulated a sign-up sheet. Pastor Larry moved and Judy seconded taking expense of this dinner from Council Discretionary Funds.

#### **New Business – Karen**

- Handicap Entrance Canopy Proposal – Bill Lootens presented the Property Committee's proposal for a canopy at the elevator entrance. Len requested that the canopy be cantilevered enough to cover the passenger door. Pastor moved and Bob B. seconded to approve this proposal, cost not to exceed \$8,000. Motion approved.
- One Human Family symposium: Pastor Larry described the recruiting effort by a national hate group in the Quad Cities. He offered Trinity as a venue for a symposium against hate on Saturday, Dec. 9, 9:00-3:00. Craig moved and Len seconded to host this. Motion passed.

#### **Announcements:**

- Potluck Lunch after 10:00 am. Service
- Thanksgiving Eve Service – 23 November at 6:30 pm.
- Bishop Clements Re-Mark-able Visits – 28 November – Faith Hall
- Annual Meeting February 11, after second service.

#### **Good Fruits:**

- Trunk & Treat participants
- Reformation Celebration
- AI Reagan & Tech & Staff support process
- Craig Tillman, Devotions & Food

Closing Prayer – Pastor Larry

December meeting at home of Dan Haskill, 2650 – 38<sup>th</sup> Ave, Rock Island, 6:30 PM.