



**Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline**  
**Council Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 10, 2018**  
**Faith Hall**

**Attendance:** Jane Bahls, Bob Blew, Max Collins (CHECK) Pastor Larry Conway, Nancy Greer, Gail Hess, Len Lindell, Bob Ruud, Craig Tillman, Alli Vandermyde, Heather Yodts, Russ Zeskey.

Jane opened with a devotion on the road to Emmaus, and recognizing Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Minutes of March meeting approved with the correction of the spelling of Russ's name. Len moved, Gail seconded.

**Finance report:** Nancy pointed out highlights of the financial report, noting that income was down a bit compared to budget projections. Finance report approved.

Nancy also described Exec's proposal to fund the additional salary for about three months during our transition to a new pastor from the first year's rent from LSSI, from Endowment. Bob said he had talked with Paul Neder and Tom Ribbeck about this, and they were open but requested he make a presentation to Endowment when they meet. They proposed a \$12,000 set aside for Special Needs of the Congregation, which could go to this overlap. He also talked with Jan Peterson about Memorial covering moving expenses. She was open to this and will consult her committee. A discussion followed. Alli asked that there be a discussion in advance for what to do if the money set aside is not used. Pastor proposed and Len seconded to put on next month's agenda a discussion about this. Motion carried. Pastor said he will ask Carolyn to set up a fund to receive this check.

**Staff and team reports:** Gail moved and Alli seconded to approve the staff and team reports. Carried.

### **Old Business**

- Council liaisons: Bob asked for volunteers for the hunger team. Heather volunteered. Memorial—Alli. Social Action has not met for eight years, so no need for a liaison. Mutual Ministry should not have a Council liaison. WELCA—Gail. Youth —Max. Bob will update the form.
- A Way forward: Russ reported that the team is preparing a report for the May Council meeting. He reported that Eric is doing a draft of the Ministry Site Profile for our next pastor. Pastor Larry noted that Synod is pushing us to get this soon. Key pastor characteristics: They've synthesized what they'd like on the document. Snowbirds: Pastor Larry will get names from Karen Anderson and propose people who the team should contact to bring them up to date.
- LSSI lease: Bob Ruud reported that LSSI and Trinity have finalized and signed the lease, for \$9,800 per year. CHECK. They plan to start working on their offices May 15, and hope to move in June 1. Worship team has approved having the first Sunday in June be LSSI welcome Sunday, with a representative of LSSI preaching.
- Delegates for NIS: 15-16 June. Jane, Russ, Gail and Max volunteered.



- CRE Report: Russ reported on the Congregational Resourcing Event, including some of the suggestions he picked up.
- Sanctuary speaker funding update: Alli has a two-year-old bid for \$19,000. Congregational meeting needs to approve spending the money from our property reserve. Alli agreed to get an updated bid from the same company, which Council would need to approve and then call a special congregational meeting. Pastor moved that council approve the bid Alli obtains if it's under \$23,000. Bob seconded. Motion approved.

### **New Business**

- *Call Process timeline*: Bob distributed a timeline outlining the steps we need to take in order, so Council members can explain it when asked. Russ reported that A Way Forward is willing to stay together after their report to Council to coordinate efforts toward implementation, before the call process is completed.
- *Call Committee*: Pastor Larry described the role of the call committee, and what a major time commitment it is. Bob distributed a confidential list of possible call committee members, noting it's the job of Exec to assemble the committee.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- BIG TABLE EVENT 4/21-22
- REBUILD TOGETHER 4/28
- SYNOD STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP, ROCHELLE, IL 5/5
- NORTHER ILLINOIS SYNOD CONVENTION 6/15-16
- GODS WORK OUR HANDS 9/9

### GOOD FRUITS

- CHURCHES UNITED Delegate Assembly
  - JANE BAHLS for serving four years on the board; term completed.
  - MARCIA JUDIKAS for being installed on the board.
- BOB RUUD FOR LSSI NEGOTIATIONS AND DOCUMENT
- A WAY FORWARD TASK FORCE
- Jane for devotions and snacks.

NEXT MEETING DEVOTIONS and snacks— Craig Tillman

CLOSING PRAYER / ADJOURN