



Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline
Council Minutes
Tuesday, January 15, 2018
Faith Hall

Attendance: Jane Bahls, Bob Blew, Pastor Peter Bredlau, Max Collins, Nancy Gruenhagen, Dan Haskill, Gail Hess, Brenda Ray, Bob Ruud, Alli Vandermyde, Heather Yodts. Eric Sandberg, visiting.

Devotion: Dan offered a devotion on the role of Joseph in Jesus' life.

Staff and Ministry Team Reports: Bob Ruud moved to approve the reports as e-mailed. Gail seconded. Motion carried.

Finances

Eric Sandburg distributed a 2019 budget summary and highlighted major points. His conclusion: we should be thankful for a year in which we had more income than expenses. Pledged giving was up six percent, including several giving units who exceeded their estimate. Net surplus: \$1,792. Bob Blew thanked Eric for all he did to prepare the 2018 financial summary. Bob Ruud moved and Dan seconded to approve the 2018 financial report. Motion carried.

New Business

- **2019 Budget:** Eric highlighted the summary of the 2019 proposed budget. Two more pledging units than last year, and a six percent increase in pledges. We'll miss \$21,000 from eight pledging units who left the church or died, but still have a \$20,000 increase in pledged giving. The need for major maintenance projects is decreasing; hence \$12,000 decrease in budget for major maintenance. Nancy moved and Heather seconded approval of the 2019 budget. Motion carried.
- **Nominating Committee Report:** Going off Council: Jane, Nancy, Craig and Max. Agreed to serve: Shelly Decker, Sally Doran and Chris Larson. Youth rep TBA. Jane moved and Bob Ruud seconded to approve this slate. Carried. Starting second term: Bob Ruud, Allie and Dan. Nominating committee for 2020: Gerry Schmidt, Chuck Armstrong, Nancy Gruenhagen, and Laura Ford have agreed to serve. Three more to be determined. Jane moved, and Brenda seconded to approve the slate. Motion carried.
- **Annual Meeting Agenda:** Bob previewed the agenda.
- **Endowment Committee:** Two new members proposed: Becky Grimes and Sue Buckles. Nancy questioned having brother and sister (Tom Scott and Sue Buckles) on the Endowment Committee. Consensus: Bob B. will bring this concern to Paul Neder, chair. Tabled for next month.
- **Sound board usage fee:** We had agreed on a \$50 sound system usage fee plus \$10 for additional hour for weddings and funerals. Karen Anderson proposed an increase, without a per-hour fee that wouldn't be determined until later. A discussion followed about the tech team being consulted and having the chart in front of us before voting. Pastor Peter will consult with the Tech Team and Karen Anderson to come to agreement before returning to Council.

Next meetings: Executive committee on February 12 (only those continuing on Council) and Council on February 19 (a regularly scheduled meeting instead of a brief one after the Annual Meeting.)

Visioning: The Annual Meeting Book will include the RENEW implementation plan. Pastor Peter intends to highlight some matters about worship and music, technology and stewardship. He reported that he has asked Dave Meumann, a professional videographer, to work 12 more hours a week to advance every RENEW initiative through videography. Dave will coordinate content creation and distribution. Pastor Peter described Trinity as a place of transformation, not transaction.



Adjourned with prayer by Pastor Peter at 7:45.

Good fruits:

- Dan Haskill for devotion and snacks
- Nancy, Jane, Craig and Max for their service on Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Bahls