

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes  
December 21, 2020

**Call to Order:** 6:32 pm

**Establish Quorum/Present:** Hanson-Busch, Klingfus, Pastor Ben, Pastor Alicia, Dittberner, Berger, Schoenecker, Schoenebeck, Mackenthun, Hemann, Smithson

**Motion to approve agenda** as printed by Hanson-Busch, second by Schoenebeck, motion passed

**Motion to approve November 16, 2020 meeting minutes** as printed, by Mackenthun, second Dittberner, motion passed

**Devotions:** Oh Come All Ye Faithful

**Pastor Alicia Report:**

- Mission Outreach: Proposal for using end of budget year remaining funds: \$500 little free pantry for diapers, then remaining 50% River Valley Health Service, 25% to Hope House, 25% to NAMI.  
**Motion to approve proposed donations** by Schoenebeck, second Berger, motion passed.
- Stewardship Update: 131 households pledge cards turned in, 5 households more than 2019

**Pastor Ben Report**

- Thank Yous
  - Kim Gassner and Darcy Schoenebeck for all the work for the Ladies Christmas Tea
  - Diane Goulson with all her dedication to care-giving and visitation of members.
  - Jackie Mackenthun with her help in developing the Children's choir for online and helping with singing and video work.
  - Many people to thank for helping with this year of online services and so many changes.
- In December, Casey has spent time meeting one on one with children's small group leaders and confirmation mentors for feedback and planning for the programming.
- Last meeting for council members Jay Schoenebeck, Dirk Berger and Karla Klingfus. We thank them for their 3 years of faithful service and key leadership on council
- Discussion on a directed gift proposed to be used for funding a new sign for the church. **Motion** by Smithson, seconded by Berger to accept the gift presented with the understanding we would need to use it within 5 years for that dedicated purpose or it will become undirected for use per the gift policy. Pastor Ben will follow up with the donor.

**Treasurer's Report**

Balance sheet shows no major changes - Capital Improvement Fund at \$66,000

- Mission Investment Fund reduced with the bond maturity. Proceeds used for new addition project as planned.
- Subsequent to months end, the 25 Drive match was received, increases short term designated fund

Operating statement - stable relative to budget

- member contributions lower as are expenses overall to budget.
- Net for November \$3400 deficit versus budgeted \$11,000.

PPP loan discussion with the accountant

- Still waiting for information on forgiveness by year end and how it will be recorded.

### **New Business**

- 2021 budget process and final draft presented for council review

**Motion to approve the preliminary 2021 budget** as presented by Dittberner, seconded by Schoenebeck, motion passed. Budget will be presented for final congregational approval at the annual meeting.

- Annual Pre-meeting will occur on January 17, 2021. The congregational annual meeting scheduled for January 24, 2021. Both will be remote via zoom using guidance from the synod. Members will be notified as per constitution. Discussion on video presentation and format of the meeting, logistics needed etc. Council will help with recruitment and education for attendance
- Departing council members shared their reflections on their years of service

### **Old Business**

- Construction update addition almost done, few last minute details of supplies pending. Fellowship hall ceiling beams in place and ceiling tile will be put in. Bathrooms are also progressing.
- COVID and Risk Management update: Monthly meeting continues with the MN Dept of Health, recommendation continues to be to keep the services online, work remotely

**Merry Christmas to all**

**Closing Prayer Blessing**

**Motion to adjourn** 8:01pm by Schoenebeck, second Dittberner, motion passed

**Next Council Meeting:** 7 pm January 25, 2021