

Minutes of
Trinity Lutheran Church Council
July 24, 2018

Members Present: Pastor Esker, Bill Konigsfeld, Jerry Lindvall, Mary Nuss, Deb Preston, Robert Preston, Chuck Wiley

Members Absent: Chris DeSchepper, Mary Stephens, Brad Tunak

Ex officio member present: Louise Owen

Guest present: Lucy Duerst, Jerry Duerst, Richard Koch

Deb Preston called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Jerry Lindvall moved, Bill Konigsfeld seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2018, council meeting. The motion was approved.

Robert Preston moved, Jerry Lindvall seconded a motion to accept the reports of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Pastor, Parish Administrator, Director of Christian Education and the Director of Pastoral Care. The motion was approved.

Jerry Lindvall moved and Robert Preston seconded a motion to appoint Sharon Beksel as Funeral Coordinator. The motion was approved.

The Financial Team presented a special report on the proposed purchase of an organ. Council accepted the report which spelled out where some money is available in the treasury and memorial fund and how other funds could be raised. Purchas of the organ would be made when the total amount has been raised. Council needs to appoint a team, with Heidi Swanson as chair, to recommend the appropriate organ.

Trinity has received the name of the student in India that is being sponsored. Information will be provided to the congregation about sponsoring her for a month or more.

Chuck Wiley spoke about ceiling fans for the nave – which has been on the agenda before. Various people have asked about fans in the nave, most recently Richard Fielder. It was decided that when the money has been received for the fans they will be installed.

Discussion ensued about the placement of the United States flag and the Christian flag in the nave, not the narthex. The Christian flag cannot be found so it cannot be placed in the nave. Guests Lucy Duerst, Jerry Duerst and Richard Koch said that in the past the flags were in the nave and that veterans were recognized at least once a year. They hoped that this tradition would continue. The Council, by general agreement, has chosen to display the US flag in the sanctuary. Perhaps the Christian flag will be replaced as it is not a hugely expensive cost.

Louise Owen noted that many people do not know where to find copies of the council minutes, so that information will be relayed to members. Also, the congregation should be told they may attend any council meeting.

Jerry Lindvall moved and Chuck Wiley seconded a motion to place two benches in front of the church in memory of Paula Rau's father. Memorial money donated in his name will be used to pay for them. Chuck Wiley will obtain the benches and see that they are installed.

Chuck Wiley moved and Rob Preston seconded a motion to accept the team/committee reports submitted to council. The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Nuss
Secretary