

# Minutes

## Council

### Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

1600 Kanawha Boulevard, East – Charleston, W.Va. 25311

Sunday, September 10, 2017

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1. Call to order – The Regular Meeting of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Robin **SNYDER** at 12:25 p.m., Sunday, September 10, 2017.
2. Opening prayer – Pastor Randolph **RICHARDSON** provided an opening prayer for the meeting.
3. Attendance – Those in attendance included:

#### Council Executive Committee

- Robin **SNYDER**, president
- Emma **BUSSE**, treasurer

#### Members

- Debbie **FLINNER**
- Chuck **HOWE**
- Laura **KNAUFF**
- George **McKINNEY**

#### Pastor

- Pastor Randolph **RICHARDSON**

#### Not present:

- George **SCHWARZ** (Excused)
- Howard **O’CULL** (Excused)
- Adam **KNAUFF** (Excused)
- Eric **MARTIN** (Excused)
- Lisa **WILLIAMSON** (Excused)
- Janet **RICHARDS** (Excused)

4. Minutes - Minutes of the August 13, 2017, Council Meeting were approved as presented.
5. Treasurer's Report –Treasurer Emma **BUSSE** reported that income is steady and our cash flow is strong. She continues to review and evaluate accounting procedures to streamline them and provide council with useful and easy-to-understand reports. Treasurer's Report received.
6. Pastor's Report –Pastor **RICHARDSON** shared his activities for the previous month highlighting the work he has done representing Trinity on the Reformation Committee of the I-64 churches. He reported on the Open Mic night, which was a success and talked a little about the narrative lectionary we will be using during the coming year. A copy of the Pastor's Report "*Activities August 13-September 9, 2017*" - is appended to the Minutes.

7. Committee Reports –

- Facility / Finance – Chuck **HOWE** reported that we will soon need to consider replacing the church roof. He has an estimate of \$107,000 from Harris Brothers and will obtain at least one other bid. Emma **BUSSE** is to find out how much we have spent in roof repairs.

A Copy of the *Trinity Monthly Committee Report* is appended to the Minutes.

- Worship – Pastor **RICHARDSON** discussed the Narrative Lectionary and noted he is excited about a new focus on the scripture readings.
- Community - The Open Mic night was discussed a little further and both Pastor and Robin **SNYDER** felt that it was a success. Laura **KNAUFF** also attended. Another one is scheduled for October 27.
- Education – Today was Rally Day and the kick-off to Sunday Church School. The opening was held in the Social Hall with crafts, songs and refreshments. Sunday Church School begins on September 17.

8. Old Business –

- Brief discussion was held about Reformation activities. All are invited to participate in the Oktoberfest to be held October 14 at Cross of Grace. Pastor **RICHARDSON** has been instrumental in the planning of that event. On Sunday October 15, a Reformation Hymn Festival, sponsored by the American Guild of Organists, will be held at Trinity at 2:00 p.m. followed by a reception. Pastor Randy continues to emphasize that he would like to focus on the NEXT 500 years rather than living in the past 500.

- Clara E. Shinn Trust – President **SNYDER** provided a copy of an email received by Jon **NICOL** from Chris Gardill, counsel for WesBanco, regarding a scenario to bring this issue to closure. Pastor **RICHARDSON** and Jon **NICOL** will continue to pursue this.
- Chuck **HOWE** reported that he had estimates from Mullen Plumbing and Kanawha Valley Maintenance for installing handicapped-accessible toilets in the restrooms. He will follow up to get additional information on the details of what is included in these estimates.
- Pastor **RICHARDSON** briefly reported on the Ministry Teams in the absence of Howard **O’CULL**.

9. New Business.

- Our Stewardship Campaign needs to be organized. Emma **BUSSE** will ask congregant Rick Wolford to chair that committee.

10. Next Meeting Date – The Congregational Meeting, held after a joint 10:00 a.m. service on November 12, 2017, will take the place of the November Council meeting.

11. Adjournment – President **SNYDER** declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:20 p.m. The meeting was closed with recitation of the Lord’s Prayer.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of Trinity Council

Robin Snyder, President

and

Pastor Randolph Richardson