

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Latrobe (REVISED)

Church Council Minutes

May 20, 2025

- I. **President Jarrett Nicely** called the meeting to order at 6:32
- II. **Opening Prayer and Devotions by Herb Harris**-We all play a role as Christians, whether we are clergy or laypeople. All are important.
- III. Prayer Partners met and shared requests
- IV. Roll Call
 - A. Present-Pastor Jess Felici, Herb Harris, Kayla Yasurek, Cheryl Morgan, Mark Jones, Dana Shannon, Heather Deemer, Darlene Hoffman, Tiffany Shrum, Jarrett Nicely, Dave Gebhart, Mallory Hudson
 - B. Excused Absences-Joe Bruzda, Donna Showwalter
 - C. Unexcused-None
 - D. Dave Gebhart motioned to accept Roll; seconded by Mark Jones
- v. Adoption of Agenda; Motion to accept by Dana Shannon; seconded by Cheryl Morgan.
- VI. Review of Minutes from April---**Correction to IX., B.2** should say, "First" Tuesday. Motion to accept by Tiffany Shrum; seconded by Kayla Yasurek
- VII. Communications---None
- VIII. Treasurer's Report
 - A. Giving continues to be encouraging with the **communion** Envelopes.
 - B. Our deficit is lower than originally anticipated, and committees/ office staying on budget, too.
 - C. April was the first time this year that the gas bill expense exceeded the budgeted amount, but it was **unseasonably** cold.
 - D. \$4,162 was pulled from the Memorial Fund for cameras, and our investment numbers are down, but are not falling as quickly as they were in March.
 - E. Heather Deemer made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Darlee Hoffman.

IX. Ministry Report

- A. Pastor Jess reported that over 1,000 people entered our church through Holy Week and Easter. Even the week after, there were 285 people in church!
- B. Trinity wants to participate in community festivals this summer maybe through a refreshment stand, *and possibly the 4th of July parade? (Suggested by some council members)*

X. Unfinished Business

- A. Guardian Security system install is complete and there are various cameras able to be accessed by computer screen or phone apps by designated church staff members.

B. Boiler Update

1. Trinity held a congregational meeting following each worship service on May 10 and 11, 2025. Voting members approved James S. Gunst Company to refurbish the boiler system, and the congregation authorized up to \$120,000 to Complete the project. The vote passed 166 in favor, 3 against, and one illegal vote.

2. The terms of the loan are 10 years at a 7.73% interest, (today) that is subject to change with the market, but cannot Increase our rate. The finance committee's plans are to pay off the loan in 5 years, and there is no early payoff penalty.

- C. Standing Committee Chair Nominations--All committees must submit the names of chairpersons nominated for the new year. Emails with the name should be sent to council liaisons or directly to Jarrett Nicely.

XI. New Business

- A. Council members examined the revised camera policy, and motioned to accept it. **Passed unanimously.**

B. Assignment for Ad Hoc Safety and Security Committee

1. An assessment of the doors and locks must be done.
2. Prioritize which locks need re-keyed, if needed.
- 3. A motion was made; passed unanimously for this to be done.**

- C. Jessica Gold for scholarship award to attend Lutheran Summer Music Camp. **Money from the Verney Fund Distribution for \$845 was motioned by Tiffany Shrum; seconded by Dave Gebhart, passed unanimously.**
- D. Motion from Special Gifts (or other/Himmler Funds) for a Scholarship **for Erin Brody to attend Princeton University Theological Seminary for \$1,000 to renew each year she attends. Passed unanimously.**

Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer at 7:42 p.m.