

Notes from Trinity Congregation Council + August 18, 2020

Your council is still meeting by Zoom but we are finding new ways to be efficient and tackle the current situation and our positions going forward.

BUILDING

Ministry Site Profile: Mark Schmidt and Steve Johnson joined us to report on the progress of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) Task group. They have had conversations with Assistant to the Bishop Rev Yee, and Lisa Hunnewell who chaired the MSP group prior to Pastor Hector's call committee. They will be getting input from congregation members in the next few months and hope to present a finished document by early November. The council will give them our opinions as well.

BECOMING

Racial Justice Task Force: Sam Sommerman chaired a committee of Annabella King, Mim Philips, and Micah Reitan. After meeting and gathering information, they presented a document that challenged us to action. We did not want this to be just a council decision, but also action the congregation can feel comfortable doing. Our first steps will be to send a letter to the congregation explaining the goals. Then a new Racial Justice team with council members Michelle Reitan, Mbaire Ndirangu, and Brian King, along with congregation members to be named later, can look toward a future of how we can be more racially sensitive.

BELONGING

HandsUp Project: we approved this group to hold a fundraising car wash on the property with CoVid-19 guidelines. This group helps ex-addicts and has helped us in our Neighbors in Need Saturday's. Look for this early in September.

BUILDING- BECOMING

Treasurer's Report: July income was better than June although still below projection. We are grateful for the congregation responding to the church needs during this pandemic. We still have bills to pay, and staff that is still working hard, even if at home.

Action needed: An emergency repair of the sewer system was needed due to a broken pipe and backup. Council approved up to \$20,000.00 to cover that repair.

Roof update: Don Boelter has gotten 2 bids on the job. They were quite different so other bids will be obtained. Don will consult with the facility team to decide on the right contractor. It was suggested to offer the bid process to small business owned by people of color.

Preparation for 2021 budget: Conversation revolved around our uncertain future and how to make a budget in this time. Most of our financial needs are for staff and building –mortgage, and utilities. The council will review ELCA documents on how to make our budget reflect our values. We will probably need a special council meeting to discuss this further.

BELONGING

- ◆ Don Boelter informed us that the staff and CoVid-19 task group are working to hold an outdoor prayer service on Sept 3rd at 6:30pm.
- ◆ Sam Sommerman will need to step away from the meetings of the Cold Weather Shelter, so Colleen Collins will represent Trinity on the board for three months.
- ◆ Pastors Hector and Jade will be taking time off Aug 28-30. We will have a guest pastor with a recorded sermon and lay leaders will conduct the service.
- ◆ The NWWA synod has prepared recorded sermons for the first Sunday's of the month. Pastor David Hahn will preach in September, and Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee will preach in October.
- ◆ Do contact any of your council members if you have comments or would like to join the Racial Justice team.

Submitted by Sue Carlson, Council President