

**Trinity Community Lutheran Church**

**Congregational Council Meeting**

**August 26, 2018**

Council members present: Louise Cassidy, Bob Culbert, Gina Gaudet, Rosemary Thorne, Greg May, Robin Holland

Absent: Carol Clark

**Call to Order and Opening Prayer** Gina

**Approval of amended Minutes of July 22, 2018:** moved Robin, seconded Gina

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob – see attached. General revenue for 2018 includes \$7,227.63 from Lucy's concert series and \$1800 semi-annual bequest. Jan to July our income is up \$1256 over expenses.

**Building and Grounds:** Bob. Tree trimming quote from Blake Parsons \$1200 to trim trees away from roof line, fence line and junipers. Louise will ask Blake to trim the tree and 2 junipers, and ask that Barry supervise this work. Bob will work with Barry to trim along the fence lines.

Insulation: Spray foam insulation would help deter rodents from nesting in and under the floors. \$12,674 to insulate with spray foam under the sanctuary; includes vapor barrier as well. It would help to cut heating costs, and should last for the life of the building. They will also remove trapdoor and inspect under there. OR insulation batting held up with twine at a cost of \$5200 from one company or \$4700 from spray foam company. The problem would again be rodents nesting in the insulation batting. Either way, ladders and other stuff under building will have to be relocated to another spot. Moved Bob, seconded Gina, that we contract with Environmental Insulation and Contracting LLC for spray foam insulation, carried.

Deck Painting: removing the current polyurethane deck coat is very slow and difficult work. Whatever is done to decks, it needs to be anti-slip. Greg will work on it again tomorrow and see how it goes. Louise will look into options for removing paint/deck coat, making sure that all options are anti-slip.

Hand Rails: those in exposed areas need another coat. Greg will work on this. Thanks, Greg!

## **On-Going Business**

**Worship Participation:** continue to place notices on announcement sheet asking for volunteers. Rita, Joan and Carol are willing to do the worship assistant job. Gina has been in contact with them. Gina also suggests that we invite people to do one part at a time (cantor, reading, prayers, lead the creed, etc). Louise pointed out that this will be hard to schedule.

## **New Business**

**Use of hall by other religious groups:** No one has approached us about using the hall for their worship services, but we know that there are other small religious communities on Point Roberts that might like to use parts of our space.

**Pledge cards;** This is usually part of a larger stewardship campaign. Suggestions from council members include letting people know the costs of running our church; advertise our new on-line donation places; contact people who don't come regularly but still may want to support the church; celebrate our programs (healing touch, mediation, concerts, youth philosophers' café, power of music, knee club, etc). Gina will start working towards this, to have something ready around Thanksgiving.

Adjourned at 1:30.

Next meeting Sunday September 9, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Holland.