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Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes 4/28/26

As a service to our congregation, we are now publishing our monthly council meeting minutes in *The Pulse*:

Attendance

Present

Pastor Eli

Dave Mueller 2026

Brenda Adelman, Vice President 2027

Debbie Garritano, Secretary 2028

Ralph Grove, Treasurer

Pam Williamson, Treasurer

Ken Myers 2026

Lisa Bush 2027

Nevin Woodring 2027

Jim Buchanan 2028

Pam Mueller 2026

Sharon Kutz 2027

Nancy Honecker 2028

Erica Laich 2028

Absent

Mike Wachter 2028

Greetings/Devotions

The meeting was called to order by President, Dave Mueller. Pastor led the group in prayer.

Minutes from last meeting

Minutes from the March meeting were read. Corrections were made to the date at the top of the minutes to March, and under new business, "They cannot be a member of the church due to privacy issues", was referring to the conversation of adding another person to help the church Secretary. Brenda made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Jim seconded the motion. Motion passed. The minutes from the Council meetings will now be on the Pulse and at the back of the sanctuary.

Treasurer's Report

No report. Ralph reported that the computer died. Pastor approved that Pam would get another computer. She will set up online banking.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor presented a written report. Her biggest job for the past month was Holy Week and Easter. Attendance was good at all services and worship was excellent. She has had 6 baptisms in the past week. She has also had a funeral for a former member of Yellow Springs Church. Elementary youth group is up and running again with an attendance of 8 and Jr/Sr High youth group met to go to Aki Steakhouse for her birthday with 14 in attendance. She continues to make visits and calls to check on people on the congregation.

Property – no report.

Worship and Music – available upon request

Christian Ed – Lisa reported that the date for Vacation Bible School will be August 2-6, 2026. The theme this year will be "Snow Mountain Challenge". She will have acolytes at 10:45 services on a rotating basis.

Stewardship – none

Social Ministry – none

Old Business

Painting Outside – the wooden parts of the outside of the church need repaired and painted. Waddell gave an estimate of \$34,000 to do the whole church. We need more estimates. Mike said he will check with Brian Lutz and R&J Quality Services to give us an estimate. Mike did check with R&J Quality Services and their bid was \$14,000. That would be scraping paint, caulking, prime paint and they could begin by early summer. He hasn't heard from Lutz.

Sharon made a motion to accept R&J Quality bid. Jim seconded. Motion carried. It will now go out to the congregation, and we will have a congregational meeting to accept the bid. We do have a bequest given to the church that would cover this cost, but we will still have to raise the funds to replenish it.

Bathrooms – the downstairs bathrooms need new sewer lines. Mike talked to Precision Mechanical and Ken is working with McCloskey. We still are waiting for bids.

New Business

Signature cards – we will get signature cards for the new Council officers and new Treasurer at the next meeting. Dave will meet Pam for the bank info. Pam is still working with Ralph.

Church Directory – Pam M. reported that they will begin taking pictures for the new Church Directory on June 20, 21, 26, 27, after each of the services. She suggested putting this info in the letter that goes out to the congregation so people can plan the pictures.

Sharon asked if a grab bar could be put in the upstairs bathroom. Pastor will check with Adam.

Church Picnic - Sharon will call to check on the date for the picnic. Hopefully August 23.

Jim made a motion to adjourn. Sharon seconded. The meeting was then adjourned. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Garritano

Next meeting: Tuesday May 26 2026 at 7PM

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Sunday School (9:30AM).

Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. Faith, fun and fellowship are always in season at Trinity Altoona :)

PULSE PIC OF THE WEEK: HAPPY (BELATED) BIRTHDAY PASTOR!



Celebrating Pastor's birthday at Tom and Joe's. Photo courtesy Angela Counterman.

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