

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STILLWATER, MINNESOTA**  
**Congregational Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Held May 17, 2021**

Voting Council members present: Lead Pastor Chris Bellefeuille; Krista Gossai; Thomas Haugrud; David Martin; Mel Sullivan; and Andrew Thelander.

Non-voting Council members present: Pastor of Lifelong Faith Formation Peter Weston Miller and Parish Administrator Robert Eiselt.

Absent: None.

Guests: None.

Location: Via Microsoft Teams.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Mel Sullivan. Mel departed the meeting prior to adjournment, and Vice-President Krista chaired the remainder of the meeting.

1. Welcome.
2. Christ Care Prayers.
3. Devotions: Dwelling in the Word – racial autobiography. Dave made a thoughtful presentation regarding his experiences in racial and diversity matters.
4. Pre-distributed items:
  - a. Minutes from the April 19, 2021 council meeting were distributed electronically to Council for review.  
M/S/P to accept and approve the Minutes from the April 19, 2021 council meeting.
  - b. Pastors' Reports were distributed electronically to Council for review.
  - c. Administrator's Report was distributed electronically to Council for review.
  - d. The Re-Entry Team met on May 12, 2021 and prepared an update to the written guidelines addressed to the Congregation, which had been distributed electronically to Council for review.
5. Old Business or Follow Up:
  - a. Council engaged in the Vision Exercise, which was part of the follow up from the Council retreat.
  - b. The Homeless Strategy and Advocacy Team ("HSAT") made a presentation to Council at the Council connections meeting held on May 5, 2021, seeking Council approval to fundraise and promote a "Tiny Homes" project. Council deferred taking action on the request at the connections meeting and requested additional information from HSAT. HSAT subsequently provided additional information and submitted a revised request (revised slide 16).  
M/S/P to accept and approve the revised request of HSAT.
  - c. Andrew and Bob advised that the search for an individual to fill the open Treasurer's position is on-going.

6. New Business:
  - a. Shout Outs and Gratitude moments.
7. Reflection/Prayer.
8. Next Council meeting. The next Council meeting is set for June 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Mel will subsequently advise whether a Council connections meeting for June 2, 2021 is necessary.
9. Adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*s/ Thomas Haugrud*

Thomas Haugrud

Secretary

*Electronically signed*