

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STILLWATER, MINNESOTA
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
Held June 21, 2021

Voting Council members present: Lead Pastor Chris Bellefeuille; Krista Gossai; Thomas Haugrud; David Martin; Mel Sullivan; and Andrew Thelander. Newly appointed Treasurer/Council member William Bjorum joined the meeting upon Council making his appointment as Treasurer/Council member as provided below.

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.

1. Welcome.

2. Treasurer.

The Bylaws provide that the Council shall elect the Treasurer, who shall also serve as a voting member on Council. A sub-committee of Council unanimously recommended William Bjorum to serve as Treasurer.

M/S/P to appoint William Bjorum as Treasurer of the Congregation and a Council member.

Bill then joined the meeting at approximately 6:40 p.m., agreed to serve as Treasurer/Council member, and the Council members welcomed him.

3. Christ Care Prayers.

4. Devotions: Dwelling in the Word – racial autobiography. Tom made a presentation regarding his experiences in racial and diversity matters.

5. Pre-distributed items:

a. Minutes from the May 17, 2021 council meeting were distributed electronically to Council for review.

M/S/P to accept and approve the Minutes from the May 17, 2021 council meeting.

b. Pastors' Reports were distributed electronically to Council for review.

c. Administrator's Report was distributed electronically to Council for review.

The Re-Entry Team did not submit a written report but an oral update on re-entry matters was provided. The update will also appear in Trinity Today.

6. Old Business or Follow Up:

a. Bob and Tom provided an update on real estate matters.

b. An update on the 150th Anniversary celebration for Trinity set for July 19, 2021 was provided.

- c. The previous Microsoft Teams training provided by Jim Brown to Council was discussed and Council again expressed its appreciation for the training provided.
7. New Business:
- a. The July 2021 Council meeting was scheduled for July 19, 2021, which conflicts with the 150th Anniversary celebration. The July 19, 2021 was accordingly cancelled and the next Council meeting was set for August 2, 2021.
 - b. Shout Outs and Gratitude moments.
 - c. Financial Dreaming/Goals. Pastor Chris led a preliminary discussion about establishing certain financial goals for the Congregation.
8. Executive Committee.
The Bylaws provide that the Congregation Council shall serve as the Executive Committee. A confidential closed Executive Committee meeting was convened at approximately 8:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters including the annual performance evaluation of the Lead Pastor.
9. Reflection/Prayer.
10. Next Council meeting. The next Council meeting is set for August 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Mel will subsequently advise whether a Council connections meeting set for July 7, 2021 is necessary.
11. Adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Thomas Haugrud
Thomas Haugrud
Secretary
Electronically signed