

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STILLWATER, MINNESOTA**  
**Congregational Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Held August 2, 2021**

Voting Council members present: Lead Pastor Chris Bellefeuille; William Bjorum; 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 6:35 p.m. by President Mel Sullivan.

1. Welcome.
2. Christ Care Prayers.
3. Devotions: Dwelling in the Word – racial autobiography. Pastor Peter made a thoughtful presentation regarding his experiences in racial and diversity matters.
4. Pre-distributed items:
  - a. Minutes from the June 21, 2021 council meeting were distributed electronically to Council for review.  
M/S/P to accept and approve the Minutes from the June 21, 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. An update from the Re-Entry Team was distributed electronically to Council for review.
5. Old Business or Follow Up:  
None.
6. New Business:
  - a. Shout Outs and Gratitude moments.
  - b. Planting Hope Campaign. Pastor Chris advised of an initiative of the St. Paul Area Synod called the Planting Hope Campaign. A link to a video from the Synod regarding this initiative will be provided to Council for review.
  - c. September Council meeting. The September 2021 council meeting will be held in person at the Church, with extended meeting time of 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - d. Worship times and discussion. Pastor Peter made a presentative regarding revised worship times and revised Sunday education times starting in fall 2021. The proposal was for first service to be from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.; Education/learning from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; and second service from 11:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. Council discussed and suggested that education/learning time run from 10:00 to 10:45, considering that 45 minutes is often the most productive learning time for a

- session, and that stopping at 10:45 would permit attendees to also attend the 11:00 worship service. Pastor Peter is to finalize the new worship and learning times for this fall.
- e. 2022 Budget Planning. Bob is working on a preliminary budget for the upcoming year, which is needed not later than the annual meeting held in November.
  7. Next Council meeting. The next Council meeting is set for September 20, 2021 starting at 6:00 p.m. (not 6:30) and continuing if needed to 9:00 p.m., to be held in person at the Church. Mel will subsequently advise whether a Council connections meeting set for September 8, 2021 is necessary.
  8. Adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*s/Thomas Haugrud*

Thomas Haugrud

Secretary

*Electronically signed*