

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STILLWATER, MINNESOTA**  
**Congregational Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Held January 24, 2022**

Voting Council members present: Lead Pastor Chris Bellefeuille; William Bjorum; Krista Gossai; Thomas Haugrud; Jill Longnecker; and Andrew Thelander.

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

Absent: None (vacancy position on Council not yet filled).

Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams.

Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Andrew Thelander.

1. Welcome – Blessing/Devotions.
2. Christ Care Prayers.
3. Devotions: Dwelling in the Word – racial autobiography. No racial autobiography presentation was made at this meeting. Jill will present at the February 2022 meeting and Bob at the March 2022 meeting.
4. Pre-distributed items:
  - a. Draft Minutes from the December 20, 2021 council meeting were distributed electronically to Council for review.  
M/S/P to accept and approve the Minutes from the December 20, 2021 council meeting.
  - b. The Pastor reports from Pastor Chris and Pastor Peter were distributed electronically to Council for review.
  - c. The Administrator report from Bob was distributed electronically to Council for review.
  - d. The Re-Entry Team did not submit a report.
5. New Business:
  - a. Council at the December 20, 2021 meeting declared a “vacancy” on Council, following David Martin’s resignation effective December 1, 2021. Pursuant to the Church Constitution, the Council shall appoint a successor Council member when there is a vacancy, who shall serve until the next annual meeting at which time the Congregation shall elect a successor to serve the balance of the unexpired term. Council requested that the Nominating Committee recommend possible candidates to serve as the successor Council member. The Nominating Committee recommended three possible candidates, but due to limitations on meeting time in light of the full meeting agenda, the matter was not further addressed but will be addressed at the next Council meeting.

b. The conference assembly and synod assembly will be held on Friday, May 13, 2022 and Saturday, May 14, 2022. 14 voting members from Trinity may attend the conference assembly and 7 (down from 9 in the past) may attend the synod assembly.

c. The “2022 Tool Kit for Congregational Leaders” sponsored by the St. Paul Area Synod will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2022.

6. Presentations by possible Fundraising Consultants.

Three consultants had been requested to make presentations to Council with a request that the presentation include both a feasibility study for a possible future capital campaign and the actual capital campaign itself. Each presenter attended the meeting only for its presentation and was excused from the meeting immediately following the conclusion of its presentation.

a. Pastor Steve Olson, doing business as “Olson Advancement”, was the first presenter. He had provided to Council prior to the meeting a written proposal. At the conclusion of his presentation, Council thanked Pastor Olson for his presentation and proposal, and he was excused from the meeting.

b. Kairos and Associates, Inc. was the second presenter, and was represented by Kristin Wiersma and Pastor Joe Crowther. They had provided to Council prior to the meeting general information but no written proposal, and they advised that they would provide a written proposal within a day or two following the council meeting. At the conclusion of their presentation, Council thanked them for their presentation and they were excused from the meeting.

c. Gronlund Sayther Brunkow Partnership, doing business as “Gronlund Sayther Brunkow GSB”, and also as “GSB”, was the third presenter and was represented by Pastor Mike Ward and Paul N. Marsh. It was determined at the end of their presentation that they had provided to Pastor Chris prior to the meeting a written proposal, but it was inadvertently not forwarded to Council prior to the meeting. At the conclusion of their presentation, Council thanked them for their presentation and proposal, which would be subsequently reviewed by Council, and they were excused from the meeting.

Council intends to more fully review and discuss the proposals and presentations and evaluate the Consultants at a future meeting.

7. Next Council meetings. A Council connections-huddle meeting is set for Wednesday February 2, 2022 at 5:30 to be held virtual via Microsoft Teams. The next regular Council meeting is set for Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., and President Andrew will subsequently advise whether to be held in person or virtually. It was also noted that a “Mass Ministry Meeting” is set for Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Church, which Council is welcome but not required to attend.

8. Adjourned at approximately 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*s/ Thomas Haugrud*

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Congregational/Council Secretary

*Electronically signed*