

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STILLWATER, MINNESOTA
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
Held February 21, 2022

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

Non-voting Council members present: Pastor of Lifelong Faith Formation Peter Weston Miller.

Absent: Krista Gossai; and Parish Administrator Robert Eiselt.

Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Andrew Thelander.

1. Welcome – Blessing/Devotions.
2. Christ Care Prayers.
3. Devotions: Dwelling in the Word – racial autobiography. Jill made a thoughtful presentation regarding her experiences in racial and diversity matters.
4. Pre-distributed items:
 - a. Draft Minutes from the January 24, 2022 council meeting were distributed electronically to Council for review.
M/S/P to accept and approve the Minutes from the January 24, 2022 council meeting.
 - b. The Pastor report from Pastor Chris was distributed electronically to Council for review. Pastor Peter advised that there were no significant updates from his previous Pastor report and did not submit a Pastor report.
 - c. The Administrator report from Bob was distributed electronically to Council for review.
 - d. The Re-Entry Team did not submit a report but Pastor Chris gave a verbal update to Council.
5. Old Business or Follow Up.
 - a. M/S/P to retain Pastor Steve Olson, doing business as Olson Advancement, to conduct a Feasibility Study for a potential capital campaign, and to approve the Feasibility Study component only of his Feasibility Study and Capital Campaign Proposal dated January 2022.
6. New Business:
 - a. M/S/P to appoint Carol Straka to Council to fill the vacancy on Council following David Martin's resignation effective December 1, 2021, 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. In the event she declines the appointment, Council appoints either Karen

Dufty or Doug Dufty to Council and President Andrew shall seek either of their acceptance to serve on Council.

b. Pastor Chris and Andrew provided an update on the St. Paul Area Synod Financial Leader Training/Planting Hope Campaign.

c. 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.

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

e. The “Warming Space” program which was run by Trinity’s Homeless Strategy and Advocacy Team was cancelled due to lack of use.

7. Executive Committee.

The Bylaws provide that the Congregation Council shall serve as the Executive Committee. A confidential closed Executive Committee meeting was convened to discuss a confidential matter.

8. Next Council meetings.

A Council connections-huddle meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday March 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. to be held virtual via Microsoft Teams, and President Andrew will subsequently advise whether it is needed.

The next regular Council meeting is set for Monday, March 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., and President Andrew will subsequently advise whether to be held in person or virtually.

8. Adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Thomas Haugrud

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Congregational/Council Secretary

Electronically signed