

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STILLWATER, MINNESOTA**  
**Congregational Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Held April 25, 2022**

Voting Council members present: Lead Pastor Chris Bellefeuille; William Bjorum; Krista Gossai; Thomas Haugrud; Jill Longnecker; Carol Straka; 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: Remote via Microsoft Teams.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Andrew Thelander.

1. Welcome.
2. Christ Care Prayers.
3. Devotions: Dwelling in the Word—racial autobiography. Carol made a thoughtful presentation regarding her experiences in racial and diversity matters.
4. Pre-distributed items:
  - a. Draft Minutes from the March 21, 2022 council meeting were distributed electronically to Council for review.  
M/S/P to accept and approve the Minutes from the March 21, 2022 council meeting.
  - b. The Pastor report from Pastor Peter was distributed electronically to Council for review. Pastor Chris did not submit a Pastor report but she gave a verbal update to Council.
  - c. The Administrator report from Bob was distributed electronically to Council for review. Bob highlighted at the Council meeting certain portions of his report.
  - d. The Re-Entry Team did not submit a report.
5. Old Business or Follow Up.
  - a. Pastor Chris requested that each Council Member review outside of the Council meeting the preliminary list of individuals to be interviewed for the capital campaign feasibility study and email her any additions or other changes.  
Bob reviewed with Council a draft project/expenditure list for capital campaign funds.

6. New Business:

- a. Council was reminded that at the May 1 worship service, there will be a recognition of the passing of duties as worship and music director from Carol Carver to Clark Weyrauch; that at the May 8 worship service, there will be a sabbatical send-off party for Pastor Chris; and at the July 17 worship service, there will be a sabbatical welcome back party for Pastor Chris.
- b. The conference assembly and synod assembly remains set for Friday, May 13, 2022 and Saturday, May 14, 2022. Bob sent emails to those attending with the specifics of the assemblies.
- c. Bob advised that significant upgrades have been made to the sound booth, with much of the work done by the men's work group. Council expressed its thanks and appreciation for the work of the men's work group. Bill was asked to arrive at some sort of tangible way to express recognition to the members of the men's work group for their valuable work to Trinity.
- d. Pastor Chris advised of some changes to the policies for funerals held at Trinity. The preferred food caterer for meals at funerals will be Scheels Catering, who has established itself as a reliable high-quality caterer.
- e. There were preliminary discussions but no decision regarding the viability of again providing the annual lutefisk/meatball dinner.
- f. Drive In services will start on Memorial Day. The service time for the drive-in service will be 10:00 a.m.

7. Next Council meetings.

A Council connections-huddle meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday May 4, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. to be held virtually via Microsoft Teams, and President Andrew will subsequently advise whether it is needed.

The next regular Council meeting is set for Monday, May 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., to be held in person at TLC.

8. Reflection/Prayer.

9. Adjournment.

The council meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*s/ Thomas Haugrud*  
Thomas Haugrud  
Congregational/Council Secretary  
*Electronically signed*