

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STILLWATER, MINNESOTA
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
Held May 16, 2022

Voting Council members present: 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: Lead Pastor Chris Bellefeuille (on sabbatical leave); and William Bjorum.

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. Council also wished Bob a Happy Birthday on his recurring 40th birthday.
3. Dwelling in the Word. Council discussed book ideas for future devotions. It was decided that starting with the June 2022 council meeting, devotions will be centered around a book called “Tempered Resilience: How Leaders are Formed in the Crucible of Change” by Tod Bolsinger.
4. Pre-distributed items:
 - a. Draft Minutes from the April 25, 2022 council meeting were distributed electronically to Council for review.
M/S/P to accept and approve the Minutes from the April 25, 2022 council meeting.
 - b. The Pastor report from Pastor Peter was distributed electronically to Council for review and he gave a verbal update. Pastor Chris did not submit a Pastor report.
 - 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. Feasibility study meeting with Steve Olson. Linda Flood sent out an email to all council members regarding scheduling individual meetings with Steve Olson with respect to the capital campaign feasibility study.
 - b. Revisit scheduling of a Fall Council Retreat. The matter was deferred to a subsequent council meeting.
 - c. Recognition of service. Council recognized the significant contributions made by various individuals and groups, including but not limited to the video/sound booth work done by the men’s work group, the Re-Entry Team, the Stewardship Team, the Funeral Hospitality team, the Outreach Missions team, and Pastor Chris. Council again discussed some tangible

way to express recognition and thanks, doing so in a manner that is meaningful but without significant cost and that is sustainable. No decision was made in that regard and discussions will continue. Andrew advised that he provided Pastor Chris with a sabbatical “care package” and card earlier today.

6. New Business:
 - a. The attendees provided a brief recap of the conference assembly and synod assembly held on Friday, May 13, 2022 and Saturday, May 14, 2022.
 - b. Andrew asked that Council stop by the church office to sign condolences cards for upcoming funerals.
7. Next Council meetings.
 - a. A Council connections-huddle meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. to be held virtually via Microsoft Teams, and President Andrew will subsequently advise whether it is needed.
 - b. The next regular Council meeting is set for Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., to be held in person at TLC.
 - c. A Council connections-huddle meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. to be held virtually via Microsoft Teams, and President Andrew will subsequently advise whether it is needed.
 - d. The July 2022 Council meeting is set for Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. to be held in person at TLC.
8. Other Important Dates.
 - a. Drive In services will start on Memorial Day. The service time for the drive-in service will be 10:00 a.m.
 - b. The Commission for the Puerto Rico trip will be held on June 19, 2022.
 - c. Pastor Chris’ sabbatical welcome back ceremony will be held on Sunday, July 17, 2022 at both worship services.
 - d. Trinity Fest is set for Sunday, September 18, 2022, to be held at the Drive-In.
9. Reflection/Prayer.
10. Adjournment.

The council meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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