

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STILLWATER, MINNESOTA
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
Held December 21, 2020

Voting Council members present: Lead Pastor Chris Bellefeuille; Krista Gossai; Thomas Haugrud; David Martin; Mel Sullivan; and Andrew Thelander.

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

Absent: None.

Guests: None.

Location: Via Microsoft Teams.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Mel Sullivan.

1. Welcome.
2. Christ Care Prayers.
3. Devotions: Dwelling in the Word. Pastor Chris led the devotions.
4. Pre-distributed items:
 - a. Minutes from the October 19, 2020 and November 15, 2020 Council meeting were distributed electronically to Council for review.
M/S/P: To accept and approve the Minutes with Tom abstaining insofar as he was not a Council member at the time of the meetings and did not attend the meetings.
 - b. The Pastors' Reports and Administrator's Report including Financial Report were distributed electronically to Council for review. The Re-Entry Team was not requested to and did not submit any report to Council.
5. Old Business or Follow Up:
 - a. Drive in Zoning. Administrator Bob provided an update on the zoning changes being implemented with respect to the Drive-In property owned by Trinity Lutheran in Houlton, Wisconsin.
 - b. Solar garden update. Administrator Bob provided an update on the community solar garden which Council had given preliminary approval earlier in 2020.
M/S/P: The decision to subscribe to the community solar garden with New Energy Equity LLC is ratified and confirmed, and Administrator Bob is authorized and directed on behalf of Trinity Lutheran Church to enter into the subscription agreement with New Energy Equity LLC.
6. New Business:
 - a. Shout Outs and Gratitude moments.
 - b. Our Time Together. Mel led a discussion regarding the framework for future council meetings.
 - c. Member communication to Council by emails (or otherwise). Mel will promptly make the initial reply to all emails/communications directed to Council. The initial reply will ask whether the

sender deems the matter to be urgent requiring immediate response, and will further advise that if not urgent, council will address the matter at the next regular council meeting and then further reply. The matter will then be added to the agenda of the next regular council meeting.

- d. Conflict of Interest Policy. There was agreement that council should adopt a conflict of interest policy. Administrator Bob will distribute for council review a draft conflict of interest policy prior to the next regular council meeting.
- e. Appointment of Treasurer. Council elects the Treasurer. Administrator Bob and Andrew will discuss the matter with the finance committee, of which Andrew is currently the chair, prepare a job description for the position of Treasurer, and report to council on the matter on the next regular council meeting.
- f. Chartering Scout Troops. The existing practice of chartering a Boy Scout Troop was raised. After limited discussion, it was decided that the matter needed further review and consideration and was deferred to future council meetings.

7. Reflection/Prayer.

8. Next Council meeting. The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 18, 2021 starting at 6:30 p.m., to be held via Microsoft Teams.

9. Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Thomas Haugrud

Thomas Haugrud

Secretary

Electronically signed