

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STILLWATER, MINNESOTA**  
**Congregational Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Held April 19, 2021**

Voting Council members present: Lead Pastor Chris Bellefeuille; Krista Gossai; Thomas Haugrud; David Martin; Mel Sullivan; 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: Via Microsoft Teams.

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Mel Sullivan.

1. Welcome.
2. Christ Care Prayers.
3. Devotions: Dwelling in the Word – racial autobiography. Krista made a thoughtful presentation regarding her experiences in racial and diversity matters.
4. Pre-distributed items:
  - a. Minutes from the March 15, 2021 council meeting were distributed electronically to Council for review.  
M/S/P to accept and approve the Minutes from the March 15, 2021 council meeting.
  - b. Pastors' Reports were distributed electronically to Council for review.
  - c. Administrator's Report was distributed electronically to Council for review.
  - d. There was no separate Re-Entry Team Report but re-entry matters were addressed in both Pastor Chris' report and Bob's report.
5. Old Business or Follow Up:
  - a. The Vision Exercise as part of the follow up from the retreat was deferred to the May 2021 Council meeting.
  - b. Andrew and Bob advised that the search for an individual to fill the open Treasurer's position is on-going, and Council discussed possible candidates for the Treasurer's position.
6. New Business:
  - a. Shout Outs and Gratitude moments.
  - b. The Pastors gave a recap on the first in-person church service in over a year which was held on April 18, 2021.
  - c. Mel reviewed the article she and Pastor Chris drafted on the sabbatical policy that will be published in Trinity Today.
  - d. Bob reviewed with Council the financial report which had been distributed electronically to Council and which was also discussed in his report.

- e. All nine slots available to Trinity Lutheran Church to attend the St. Paul Area Synod Assembly have now been filled.
- 7. Next Council meeting. The next Council meeting is set for May 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Mel will subsequently advise whether a Council connections meeting for May 5, 2021 is necessary.
- 8. Adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Thomas Haugrud  
Thomas Haugrud  
Secretary  
*Electronically signed*