

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Nov 16, 2025 following Annual Meeting
Trinity's Conference Room

Voting Council Members Present: John Hodler, Jill Longnecker, Kirsten Parker, Shane Brockshus, Bryan Barts, Pastor Jen Hackbarth, Pastor Peter Weston-Miller

Council Members Not Present: Bill Bjorum

Non-voting Council Members Present: Sarah Kinsman

Mission: Because God first loved us, we live as Jesus in the world, loving God and loving neighbor.

Core Values: Exceptional Worship, Radical Hospitality, Authentic Community, Lifelong Faith Formation, Compassionate Action

Council Vision: Because God first loved us, the Trinity council strives to lead and learn in the love of Jesus Christ; courageously through curiosity, spiritual growth and risk taking, faithfully in gracious accompaniment with our neighbors, publicly through advocacy of God's unfolding dream.

I. Call to Order by Pastor Jen Hackbarth at 11:56 A.M.

II. Consent Agenda

- Approval—Minutes from Oct 20 meeting (Approved)
- Approval—Agenda for Nov 16 meeting (Approved)

III. Appointing Council Officers

- President - John Hodler (Approved)
- VP – Kirsten Parker (Approved)
- Secretary – Shane Brockshus (Approved)

IV. Office/Staff Hours for Christmas Holiday

- Proposal: Office closed/staff holidays on 12/29, 12/30, 12/31 (holidays on 12/25 and 1/1) (Approved)

V. Council members obtain book “How to Lead: When you don’t know where you are going” by Susan Beaumont

VI: December Council Holiday Party hosted by John & Dellzie Hodler on Monday, December 15 at 6:00 P.M. We will hold our scheduled business meeting as needed during the holiday party.

Additional updates:

- Jill - Counting will be brought in-house; Linda will be the point person and the counting lead who will recruit volunteers as needed. Jill to prepare a volunteer sheet for council members for 2026.
- John – Will draft a continuing resolution to clarify Council service eligibility when initially elected to serve 1 year or less to fill a vacant seat.
- John – Future topic to consider additional financial ask to the congregation upon conclusion of the capital campaign. Need to define if there is a specific split of any continued gifts (if this will follow the current allocation to the mortgage, operating budget, and missions).

VII. Closing Prayer

VIII. Adjournment of meeting at 12:19 P.M.

2026 Council meetings schedule:

- 3rd Monday, each month, 6:30PM, Office Conference room
- Monday, January 19, 2026
- Monday, February 16, 2026
- Monday, March 16, 2026
- Special Council Meetings - 2026
- Annual Meeting – 11:00AM, Sunday, November 16
- Council Holiday Party – December TBD