

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STILLWATER, MINNESOTA

Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2025 at 4:15 P.M.

Voting Council Members present	Bill Bjorum, Shane Brockshus, John Hodler, Jill Longnecker, Kirsten Parker, Tina Swanson, Pastor Chris Bellefeuille, Pastor Peter Weston Miller
Non-voting Council Members present	Parish Administrator Sarah Kinsman
Absent	
Guests	Sara Wagner, Celebration lunch chair

Location: In-person at Trinity Lutheran Church, office conference room

I. Call to Order – *John called the meeting to order at 4:18 P.M.*

II. May 18 - Pastor Chris Retirement Sunday Briefing

- Celebration lunch, program – *Sara Wagner provided an update to the council.*
- Council action & support

III. Consent Agenda – *Bill/Tina/Passed*

Approval - Monday, March 17, 2025, Council meeting minutes

Approval – April 14, 2025, meeting agenda

Approval - Security Task Force members and objectives

IV. Pastoral updates

Pastor Peter comments – *Dana's transition into role, HS Wilderness trip (23 kids/7 adults), Morning VBS planned jointly with LADC*

Pastor Chris comments – *Update on staff annual reviews: recommendation for continuing education, spiritual direction, and summer staff sabbatical. Consider establishing non-rostered staff sabbatical policy based on length of service; potential to include leadership/spiritual*

development component and/or follow-on commitment expectation. Reference [May 2021 issue of Trinity Today \(page 4\)](#) to learn more about the rostered clergy sabbatical policy.

V. Financials

- Administrator – Sarah Kinsman & Treasurer – Jill Longnecker

VI. Unfinished Business

- Lay Voting attendees - St. Paul Area Synod Assembly, May 16-17

VII. Closed session started at 5:10 P.M. – non rostered Council members: Bill Bjorum, Shane Brockshus, John Hodler, Jill Longnecker, Kirsten Parker, Tina Swanson, Sarah Kinsman

- Pastoral Transition (*Jill/John/Passed; details to be included in May 2025 meeting minutes*)

VIII. Closing Prayer

VIII. Adjourn to Matchstick Restaurant

- The Council meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M. by President John Hodler

Signed by: Kirsten Parker, Congregational Council Secretary