

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STILLWATER, MINNESOTA**

**Congregational Council Meeting Minutes**

**February 17, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.**

<b>Voting Council Members present</b>	Bill Bjorum, John Hodler, Jill Longnecker, Shane Brockshus, Kirsten Parker, Tina Swanson, Pastor Peter Weston Miller, Pastor Chris Bellefeuille
<b>Non-voting Council Members present</b>	Parish Administrator Sarah Kinsman
<b>Absent</b>	None
<b>Guests</b>	Krista Lind, Ass't to the Bishop, Vocational Formation Jill & Scott Kneesern, Earth Keepers

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

**I. Call to Order – John**

- Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by President John Hodler

**II. Christ Care Prayers – Pastor Chris**

**III. Dwelling in the Word Devotions – John**

**III. Pastoral Transition briefing – Krista Lind, Ass't to the Bishop, Vocational Formation**  
“Call Process Manual” and “Call Process Overview” Phase 1 – leave taking

- Council communication plan
  - To be discussed and designed by John, Kirsten, Sarah with aim to communicate a high-level timeline soon
  - Delivery to congregation done by all council members, transition team (6-8 people), call team (6 people)
  - Review examples from Krista Lind

**IV. Approval - Monday, Jan. 20, 2025, Council meeting minutes - *APPROVED***

**V. Approval - Feb. 17, 2025, Meeting Agenda - *APPROVED***

**V. Reports –** comments in addition to previous written report sent to Council prior to meeting

- Pastor Chris
- Pastor Peter
- Administrator – Sarah Kinsman
- Treasurer – Jill Longnecker

## V. Unfinished Business

- Staff & Council Retreat plans (Lead- Peter Nycklemoe), Council mtg. after, Dinner
- Drive-in property status update – Bill
- End of Life Memorial – Synod's East Central Assembly presentation
- Action decisions - unfinished business items – John

## VI. New Business

- [EV charging project proposal](#) – Kirsten/Pastor Peter with guests Jill & Scott Kneeskern
  - Presentation of proposal and discussion by council, led by Kirsten
  - Will include EV proposal on March agenda for reconsideration
  - Request for additional information from the EV team in advance (maintenance costs and ownership, insurance liability, project management and coordination with church office)
- Ministry Team's accounting – Sarah

## VII. Information – Questions – Discussions

- RIC Team – ***Community Coming Together*** Event – Friday, March 14
- Pastor Chris Ministry Celebration Sunday, May 18 (Team leads - Sara Wagner, Clark Weyrauch, Zanny Johnson)
- Council – Pastor Chris' retirement party May 2
- Human Resources Committee formation status

## VIII. Shout Outs, Gratitude moments, etc.

## IX. Closing Prayer

## X. Adjournment

- The Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm by President John Hodler

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Parker

Congregational Council Secretary

## **2025 Council Calendar**

### **Dwelling in the Word: Monthly leader – planned schedule**

- January – Pastor Chris
- February – John Hodler
- March – Tina Swanson
- April – Kirsten Parker
- May – Bill Bjorum
- June – Pastor Peter
- July – Shane Brockshus
- August – Jill Longnecker
- September – Sarah Kinsman
- October - TBD

### **Proposed TLC Ministry team/area briefings (as scheduled by Hodler)**

Worship & Music – Clark Weyrauch

Stewardship (Noah Schumacher)

Racial Justice (Rachel Schmeltzer)

Connections (Zanny Johnson)

Reconciling in Christ (Karen Gieseke)

Facilities (Mark Gieseke)

Helping Hands

Missions (Marie Liberda)

Children & Family Faith Formation (Sarah Olson)

Youth Faith Formation

Finance Team (Jill Longnecker)

### **2025 Council Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month unless otherwise noted**

**Start time 6:30 PM, end time 8:30 PM**

- Monday, February 17 (Room 108b – Trinity)
- Monday, March 17 (Room 108 – Trinity)

- Monday, April 14 (Room 108b – Trinity) - Note date change
- Monday, May 19 (Room 108b – Trinity)
- Monday, June 23 (Room 108b – Trinity)
- Monday, July 21 (Room 108b – Trinity)
- Monday, August 18 (Room 108b – Trinity) - Note date change
- Monday, September 13 (Room 108b – Trinity)
- Monday, October 20 (Room 108b – Trinity)
- Monday, November 17 (Room 108b – Trinity) – Election of Officers

### **Special Meetings**

- Council Retreat - April 14 (Afternoon/evening) starting at Noon
- Pastor Chris exit interview: March 6
- Trinity Fest – TBD
- Annual Meeting (tentative) – Sunday, November 16
- Council Holiday Party – December TBD