

Trinity Lutheran Church, Durand, IL
Council Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2019

Members Present: Sharon Beksel, Michelle Chatfield, Pastor Pat Esker, Deb Preston, Robert Preston
Maureen Witte

Members Absent: Jerry Lindvall and Brad Tunak

President Robert Preston called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Deb Preston read the gathering dialogue, lit the candle and prayed.

President Rob Preston declared a quorum.

Maureen Witte moved to accept the March 26, 2019 minutes as written. Michelle Chatfield seconded.
Motion was carried.

Deb Preston moved and Maureen Witte seconded the motion to approve reports and place them on file.
Motion was carried.

Communications:
None received

Old Business:

Council decided at the March meeting to begin putting together a Call Committee. The congregation was asked to turn their name in if they were interested in being on the Call Committee.

A total of six people are needed to form the committee. So far we have had four names submitted to the office. Mike Bolen, Karen Butler, Susie Wendel and Maureen Witte. There is plenty of time for two more people to come forward, or council may appoint them.

Discussion was held about what will happen once the Call Committee is fully formed and is completely ready to begin the call process. President Preston would notify Rev. Denver Bitner and Rev. Marilyn Hanson. They would then come to meet with the Call Committee and have them fill out a form to move forward. They would then discuss the options available for us. There are currently 30 churches in need of a pastor, 10 of those need part time pastors. A major movement needs to be made if we are to afford a full time pastor. Finding a part time pastor will prove even more challenging.

We also discussed putting the names and contact information of all council members in the Traveler. This would enable church members to contact any council member with questions, concerns or information needing to be shared. Council members present were in favor of doing so. Just a reminder that anyone is welcome to attend Council Meetings. They are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Sharon Beksel lead us in prayer and read scripture from I Corinthians; Chapter 5

We then shared our Joys and Disappointments with each other, as a way of being supportive of our fellow council members.

We prayed the Apostles Creed together

New Business:

Northern Illinois Synod Assembly will be recognizing Trinity Lutheran Church's 175th Anniversary on Friday, June 14th at 7:30 p.m. We will be gathering pictures representing our church's history to be sent in to prepare for a video presentation to be shared that evening. Our members attending Synod Assembly will be presented with a certificate marking our anniversary year.

Building & Grounds committee is still in need of a Chairperson. We are pursuing others to chair. We would like to compile a list of routine maintenance that needs to be done regularly. We will need to find a new contractor for snow removal this next winter. Someone more local.

Maureen Witte made a motion, Robert Preston seconded to place all committee reports on file. Motion was carried.

Sharing of the Peace

Benediction

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.