

Trinity Lutheran Church, Durand, IL  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 2019

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

Members Absent: Brad Tunak

President Robert Preston called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Jerry Lindvall read the gathering dialogue, lit the candle and prayed.

President Preston declared a quorum.

Jerry Lindvall moved and Maureen Witte seconded to approve the January 29, 2019 Council Minutes and place them on file as written. The motion was approved.

Pastor Pat Esker explained her presence at the council meetings. It is part of her duty as Sharon Beksel's supervisor to assist her during council meetings. She engages in conversation and is there to answer any questions council members might have, but otherwise only observing. Pastor Esker has no voting rights.

Jerry Lindvall discussed his treasurer's report with us.

Sharon Beksel discussed her report, especially pointing out that one of our members was very upset about not being notified of the passing of a congregation member and service times. Council discussed what should be done in the future for matters of passing members. We agreed that we should respect the individual family members wishes as far as notifying or not notifying the congregation, if services happen before it can be announced. Not every member has email. But we will try to find someone to send email out to those who do. Making phone calls is time consuming and we don't feel it's appropriate to leave a message about someone passing. Sharon sent out an email for a recent death of a member and we agreed it was very well written and could be used as a format for the unfortunate notices in email form in the future.

Deb Preston made a motion and Michelle Chatfield seconded to place the reports on file

Communications:

We received a thank you letter from the Northern Illinois Synod for congregational support and how our gifts help synod wide. The letter was signed by Bishop Jeffrey Clements.

We also received a thank you letter from ELCA for \$450.00 donation that was given for World Hunger upon the disbanding of TLCW.

Old Business:

Appointment of Audit Committee Members

Scott Jones- serving one year (2018-2019)\*

Don Witte- serving three years (2019-2021)

\*taking over for Sharon Beksel's remaining year.

Sharon Beksel lead us in prayer and read scripture. She also thanked all the council members for their willingness to be leaders at Trinity.

New Business:

Needed a new female voting member for Northern Illinois Synod Assembly, as Shannon Brown is unable to go. Deb Preston offered to go. Jerry Lindvall moved, Maureen Witte seconded. Motion was approved. President Robert Preston appointed Deb Preston as the female voting member to attend NIS Assembly 2019.

Michelle Chatfield agreed to be team liaison for Parish Life Team.

Deb Preston moved, Jerry Lindvall seconded. Motion was approved.

A reminder to all council members/team liaisons! Please contact your team(s) and establish who will be chair and secretary of the teams and get the meeting dates set!

Snow Removal

Executive Lawn Service (Rockton/Roscoe), is who we have a contract with for snow removal, however we don't have a copy of the contract. We've had some issues this year and feel that at some point we need to get someone local for this service.

With regret we accept the resignation of Jackie & Don Vandercreek as members of Trinity.

Deb Preston moved, Maureen Witte seconded. Motion was approved with regret.

Sharon Beksel discussed how long it has been since Shannon Brown had received a raise. Her work at Trinity often goes unseen. Shannon has been putting in a lot of extra time with the recent transition at church. Council voted in favor of giving her a gift of \$500.00.

Deb Preston moved, Robert Preston seconded. Motion was approved.

TEP was erroneously left off the committee reports. Jerry Lindvall pointed out that Mike Bolen will host the Trinity Garage Sale at his place on May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Deb Preston moved, Robert Preston seconded to place all committee reports on file.

Motion was approved.

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.