

Trinity Lutheran Church, Durand IL
Council Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2019

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

Members Absent: Bill Konigsfeld, Jerry Lindvall, Brad Tunak

Pastor Pat called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m.

Pastor led us in prayer to start our first meeting of 2019.

Deb Preston moved, Robert Preston seconded the motion to approve the December 18, 2018 council meeting minutes. They will be placed on file.

Council reviewed the minutes of the January 27, 2019 annual meeting. A correction was made to reflect the change from 37 voting members present to 36. Deb Preston moved, Robert Preston seconded the motion to accept and put on file the minutes as corrected.

The election of officers were discussed and Pastor Esker opened the floor for nominations.

Deb Preston moved, Robert Preston seconded to re-elect Jerry Lindvall as Treasurer. Motion was approved.

Robert Preston moved, Michelle Chatfield seconded to elect Deb Preston as Secretary. Motion was approved.

Pastor Esker opened the floor for nomination for President.

Deb Preston moved that Robert Preston be nominated to serve as the President of the Congregation Council, Pastor Esker seconded that Robert Preston be elected as President. Upon hearing no further nominations, Pastor Esker closed nominations for Council President. Motion to elect Robert Preston as Council President was approved. Pastor Esker declared Robert Preston as Council President. At this time, Pastor Esker yielded the Chair to Robert Preston.

Deb Preston moved, Pastor Esker seconded that Michelle Chatfield be elected as Vice President. Motion was approved.

Deb Preston moved, Michelle Chatfield seconded that Paula Rau be reappointed as Financial Secretary. Motion was approved.

Pastor Esker read through Letters of Agreement that would indicate upon council approval, appointing Sharon Beksel as a Synodically Authorized Minister at Trinity Lutheran, Durand, IL. And further indicating upon council approval, Pastor Esker serve in Supervising Pastor Interim Ministry.

Deb Preston moved, Michelle Chatfield seconded, to approve and enter into the agreement that Sharon Beksel be appointed as a Synodically Authorized Minister (SAM), And Pastor Pat Esker be appointed as Interim Supervising Pastor, effective February 10, 2019. Motion was approved.

Robert Preston moved, Deb Preston seconded with regret to accept the resignation of Bill Konigsfeld from council. Motion was approved.

Deb Preston moved, Robert Preston seconded to elect Maureen Witte as council member to replace the vacancy left in the wake of Bill Konigsfeld's resignation. She was the 2nd highest vote getter in the election process at the annual meeting and is willing to serve. Motion was approved.

Jerry Lindvall contacted LeAnn Clark about serving as CPA, as no one stepped forward to take over.

Robert Preston moved, Deb Preston seconded to accept and enter the Terms of Agreement to hire LeAnn Clark of BW Accounting Services in Durand, IL, as our CPA to handle our book keeping for the fee of \$150.00 per month. Motion was approved.

Appointments of Team Liaisons are as follows:

Audio Visual – Jerry Lindvall

Budget/Finance- Jerry Lindvall

Christian Education- Michelle Chatfield

Evangelism- Deb Preston

Worship/Music- Sharon Beksel

Stewardship- Deb Preston

Property/Safety- Brad Tunak

Mission & Social Concerns (includes DEC) - Maureen Witte

Memorial – Maureen Witte

Trinity Mission Men- Robert Preston

Council members present signed up to take turns as leaders for monthly council meetings.

Council members present also signed up for Offering Counting. The Confidentiality Agreement was also discussed, as all counters must sign the agreement previous to counting.

We held discussion about who to appoint to the Audit Committee. We need to appoint one person to a three year term (2019-2021). Sharon Beksel was serving for 2017-2019, but will need to be replaced for her final **one year**, in light of her becoming a Synodically Authorized Minister. Jody Steinke is currently serving for 2018-2020. We will further discuss at our February Council Meeting.

Deb Preston moved, Pastor Esker seconded the approval to elect Michelle Chatfield and Robert Preston to serve alongside of Karen Butler, Mary Jane Koch and Barb Lindvall for the 2019 Nominating Committee. Motion was approved.

Deb Preston moved, Michelle Chatfield seconded to elect Robert Preston as our Male Voting Member for Synod Assembly on June 14 & 15, 2019. He will be joining Shannon Brown and Coltin Rau. Motion was approved.

Deb Preston moved, Robert Preston seconded to approve and welcome Linda Gallagher as a new member to Trinity. Motion was approved.

We went through Council Training packet to refresh our memories and bring Michelle Chatfield up to speed on what is expected as a council member.

Together with Pastor Esker, we filled out the Parochial Report survey. Always thought provoking!

We ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Submitted Respectfully,

Debbie Preston

Council Secretary