

Trinity Lutheran Church, Durand, IL

Council Minutes

August 25, 2020

Members present: Sharon Beksel, Maureen Witte, Jody Steinke, Shannon Brown, Dale Tunak, Kim Schuldt, Scott Jones, Michelle Chatfield.

Also present: Mary Nuss (Trinity member & Call Team member) and Rev. Denver Bitner

President Maureen called meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Rev. Bitner led an opening prayer.

Rev. Bitner gave an update on the call process: there were 2 candidates for Pastor but all have turned Trinity down.

Rev. Bitner presented to the council the idea of 2 churches located in Northwest Rockford that Trinity could pastor share with them or even join with those 2 churches to form the "Northwest Lutheran Parish." After discussion the council asked Rev. Bitner to contact these 2 churches to explore these opportunities.

Minutes of the July 28th council and August 4th special meeting were presented. Michelle made a motion to accept, Sharon seconded. Motion approved.

Minutes of Christian Education Director, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, SAM, and Parish Administrator were presented. Kim, as Education liaison, presented that Wendy, Christian Ed. Director, needs a new laptop and printer as hers are outdated and need updated software installed. Mary Nuss offered to contact the Memorial Committee to fund this using the undesignated funds. Wendy also reported that her hours are dropping to 20-30 hours per month. Shannon reported she has chosen to drop her Treasurer's Salary. Maureen made a motion to accept these reports with the additions, Dale seconded. Motion approved.

Memorial Team minutes presented. Mary Nuss is the chairman, Louise Owen is the recorder. Scott made a motion the accept the minutes, Maureen seconded. Motion approved.

Old Business

Call Team update-Mary Nuss will submit an article for the Traveler.

New Business

Guidelines for 10 persons or less in the church were discussed

Maureen made a motion to move to executive session, Sharon seconded. Motion approved.

A meeting took place on August 24th with Brian McCorkle. He offered \$230,000 to purchase church

building and land. Discussion took place whether to have a congregational meeting to discuss and vote on the sale of the building and land.

Michelle made a motion to come out of executive session, Jody seconded. Motion approved.

Maureen made a motion to hold a Special Congregational meeting Sunday September 13 to vote on the sale of the building and land, Sharon seconded. Motion approved.

Michelle made a motion for Maureen to write and submit a letter to the congregation via email, mail, Traveler, and bulletin to announce the Special Meeting. Kim seconded. Motion approved.

Lord's Prayer recited by all.

Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michelle seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Schuldt, Secretary