

Trinity Lutheran Church, Durand, IL

Council Meeting

June 24, 2020

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

Absent: Dale Tunak

Congregational members present: Mary Nuss, Bill Koningsfeld.

Meeting done via Zoom due to COVID-19 precautions and regulations.

Meeting called to order by President Maureen at 6:31 PM.

Jody led a devotion.

Minutes were reviewed for May 26 Council meeting and June 11 & June 17 special council meeting. Michelle made a motion to accept all minutes as presented. Maureen seconded. Motion approved.

Reports presented by Financial Secretary, SAM, Parish Administrator, and Treasurer. Jody made a motion to accept reports as presented. Michelle seconded. Motion approved.

Maureen made a motion to move Old Business to the end of meeting when council will go into executive session. Michelle seconded. Motion approved.

Call committee reported they met with Rev. Bitner last Tuesday. Rev. Bitner and Bishop Clements give their blessing to investigate the sale of the church. Resumes from 3 potential pastoral candidates are coming this week.

Shannon presented regarding Trinity's mortgage loan-it is redone every 5 years. A new interest rate starts August 1. The current rate is 3.875% and new rate is unknown at this time. Regarding the PPP Loan-the church will have longer time to use the money and turn in the final report of how the money was used.

New Business

Congregational responses-Maureen read responses from congregational members in response to the church's current financial status and possible sale of the church. Discussion among council members took place after responses were read. Shannon clarified that we do not have an issue paying our mortgage, it's the other everyday bills that is related to owning a building-ie...utilities, mowing, etc...

Dick and Carol Wilke and Scott Wilke were at the church today. They are looking into finding someone to do an appraisal.

Outdoor service-Discussion took place if we should pursue having an outdoor service and new guidelines

in place. No decision made at this time regarding outdoor service. Communion options also discussed.

Financial report availability to members- Maureen made a motion that financial reports are available by contacting the church office, either by email or phone, and Shannon can get them to inquiring members. Kim seconded. Motion approved.

Question regarding Al-anon meetings at church-It was determined at this time we do not know when Al-anon will resume meeting at the church building.

Jody made a motion at this time to transition to executive session. Michelle seconded. Motion approved.

Discussion took place regarding paying church staff. Staff was paid in May and June with the PPP loan. Decision needs to be made how to continue paying staff. Suggestion made for hourly rates for custodians at this time. Maureen made a motion to come out of executive session. Scott seconded. Motion approved.

Michelle made a motion to continue paying staff at current rate. Maureen seconded. Sharon opposed, remaining were in favor. Motion approved.

Maureen led the Lord's Prayer.

Sharon gave a closing Blessing.

Kim made a motion to adjourn. Maureen seconded. Motion approved.