

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Durand, IL

October 27, 2020  
Council Meeting

Attended: Maureen Witte, Dale Tunak, Shannon Brown, Scott Jones,  
Pastor Tim Kenyon, Larry Judd, Mary Nuss, Michelle Chatfield  
Absent: Kim Schuldt

Members met in the church basement where social distancing could be followed.

President Maureen Witte called the meeting to order at 6:33. Quorum declared.

Pastor Kenyon shared a devotion from Pastor Walter Malmgren, "Waiting for a Friend to Arrive" to begin the meeting.

Michelle Chatfield made a motion to accept the September Minutes, Maureen Witte seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Kenyon gave an oral report. He shared that things are going well, all things considered. He is enjoying being back in ministry and reminded us that "we are the church together." He has also been in contact with Pastor Nicole at the UMC regarding the DEC Thanksgiving service. They are looking into a possible service via some platform, which is to be determined. Pr. Kenyon continues to experiment with video, please be patient. He also welcomes anyone to assist with readings, prayers, etc. via pre-recorded videos.

Shannon Brown shared the Treasurer's Report; no income shortage last month. The government is now accepting loan forgiveness applications and LeAnne, our accountant, is to begin working on that.

Scott Jones made a motion to accept the reports. Dale Tunak seconded. Motion carried.

### Old Business

Larry Judd gave a Nominating Committee update. Karen Butler, Mike Bolen, and Heidi Swanson have agreed to accept the nomination for council.

Shannon Brown gave an update from the Re-entry Team. Given the rising numbers, they are continuing to limit gatherings to 10 people or less. Al-Anon and DEC have started meeting in the basement. Some members have joined via Zoom to limit the number of people present.

Dale Tunak reports that the kitchen needs to be cleaned and regularly monitored for rodents with winter approaching. It was decided to wait on a “deep” cleaning until the church re-opens.

### New Business

Pastor Kenyon shared a Stewardship Letter to be shared with the Congregation with Time and Talent Sheets and Pledge Cards. He reminds us that it is “Christ’s church and we respond in Thanksgiving.”

The Council voted to regretfully accept Scott Jones resignation. We thanked him for his service during these difficult times. Dale made the motion to accept his resignation, Maureen seconded. Motion carried.

Larry Judd gave an update on the roof. His grandson works for A+ roofing and has identified damage to the roof. An independent contractor from our insurance company will be meeting with Larry and his grandson this coming Thursday to discuss further.

Louise Owen’s concerns about Stewardship and Evangelism were addressed. The above-mentioned Stewardship Letter will be going out. Evangelism is difficult at this time given the pandemic, but it would appear that we are reaching more people via on-line services than past in-person attendance numbers. Mary Nuss suggested welcoming visitors via Facebook and the “What’s Happening in Durand” page.

Scott Jones agreed to replace Rich Steinke on the Auditing Team.

It was decided to keep the thermostats static between 55 – 60 degrees to prevent moisture build up, with the exception of when the building is being occupied by staff or during meetings.

Mary Nuss was appointed as the new Treasurer. Maureen Witte made the motion, Larry Judd seconded. Motion carried.

Council meetings to be rescheduled due to the holidays and are as follows;  
November 17 @ 6:30 and December 15 @ 6:30.

Pastor Kenyon closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Michelle Chatfield made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Maureen Witte seconded. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 7:23.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Chatfield  
Council Vice President

