

Trinity Lutheran Church
Durand, IL

July 20, 2020 Special
Council Meeting

Attended: Maureen Witte, Dale Tunak, Shannon Brown, Scott Jones,
Sharon Beksel, Jody Steinke, Michelle Chatfield

Absent: Kim Schuldt

Members met at the building of the church garden where social distancing could be followed.

President Maureen Witte called the meeting to order at 6:31. Quorum declared.

Jody Steinke read an encouraging quote to begin the meeting.

In light of recent events, Maureen Witte shared with the Council that she has chosen to resign from her position on the Call Team. Maureen Witte made a motion to accept Paula Rau as her replacement. Dale Tunak seconded. Motion carried.

Shannon Brown shared concerns reported from congregation members about mass emails that include the entire congregation. Due to the high volume of responses to “all” during recent mailings, some members are requesting their names be removed from future group emails.

Discussion took place as to when to have an informative congregational meeting. It was decided to not yet set a date until the appraisal is complete.

Discussion took place regarding the purpose of a letter that was sent out to all members by a select group of concerned members. Maureen Witte is hosting a zoom meeting with the group that signed the letter to clarify facts stated in the letter on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 7:00pm. Sharon Beksel and Michelle Chatfield will also be present to help answer any questions presented.

Jody Steinke presented a financial spreadsheet that she and Rich put together to help better understand Trinity's current financial situation. Trinity's income and expenses, past and present, were discussed at length. Strategies to build income through new Stewardship and Evangelism programs were also discussed. We currently have no one on these teams and have had difficulty filling these positions in the past.

Sharon Beksel informed the council of a guest that will be attending our next council meeting. Rev. Gary Erickson, Assistant to the Bishop, will be joining us to discuss Outreach and Stewardship.

Maureen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Michelle Chatfield seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Chatfield
Council Vice-President