

Trinity Lutheran Church, Durand, IL

Special Council Meeting

August 4, 2020

Members present: Sharon Beksel, Maureen Witte, Jody Steinke, Michelle Chatfield, Dale Tunak, and Kim Schuldt

Absent: Scott Jones, Shannon Brown.

Meeting done via Zoom due to COVID-19 precautions.

President Maureen called meeting to order at 6:31PM

Jody led a prayer.

Appraisal report results given to Maureen and council. Results discussed. "In use" meaning-\$750,000 worth of property by using it. \$215,000 is the likely selling price. Appraisal mentioned the land is not zoned for funeral home. Brian McCorkle made aware of this and stated it was not an issue. He was not told any other results of appraisal at this time. Questions discussed among council members: What would be appropriate asking price of the church? How do we have a congregational meeting to discuss possible sale of building? Sharon stated if we have an informational meeting, the congregation does not need notice. If we have a voting meeting, congregation needs 2 Sunday notice. For voting, a quorum of 20% of active members is needed then it is a majority vote to sell the property.

Leann, accountant for Trinity, was contacted with some questions. Her opinion is if our giving stays at the current state, we will not be able to sustain the church building. The PPP portal opens up August 10, 2020 for the forgiveness applications. PPP shows up as a loan on financial report and then once approved, \$7,500 will go into general fund.

Dale made a motion for Maureen to contact Brian McCorkle with the for sale amount of \$500,000 if he is interested. Michelle seconded. Motion approved. Maureen stated she will also let him know of the appraisal results.

After discussion, the council prefers to an informational meeting and voting meeting on the same day. A letter will be sent to congregational members with some information prior to meeting.

Sharon stated she would send out an email (or letter if a member does not have email) to congregational members regarding stewardship program presented to council at July 28 meeting. She will ask for 6 members to start this program and needs a decision within a week as the program starts end of August.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:02PM