

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Minutes November 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by president, Craig Fentress

Present: Craig Fentress, Ginny Doarnberger, Craig Robinson, Mary Madurski, Barbara Winebrenner, Maggie Stone, Craig Robinson, June Habeck-Holler, Junior Michael, Colleen Gildee

Absent: Mark Deiterich, Lauren Rowe, Pastor David Eisenhuth

Minutes: The minutes of the October council meeting will be reviewed at the December meeting. Today's meeting is informational only as no pastor is present to oversee motions.

Budget: Informal discussion to review feedback from congregation at the budget review meeting. Attendees requested a budget with an endowment withdraw in the range of 10-12%, so we have created two budget options in addition to the proposed budget.

Agenda for Annual Meeting: Mary Madurski will present an overview from Robert's Rules before the beginning of discussions and will monitor time of each speaker. Ginny Doarnberger will recognize off-going council members and present gifts.

Currently, we have had only one person volunteer to serve on council. If this is going to be the new trend, we should consider changing the bylaws. In the event that no additional nominations are made from the floor, we will have to temporarily suspend the bylaws for the year until a more permanent decision can be made. This decision cannot be made in council (clarification of September council minutes); it must be made via a Bylaws change which is the responsibility of the congregation.

The Endowment Team would like to disband with recommendations that responsibilities of this team be transferred to Council. This would be another change to the bylaws which must be decided by the congregation.

Colleen (and staff members) will not be present during the budget discussions. Volunteers to take minutes during this portion of the meeting are appreciated.

Fundraising Program: Last week, Colleen attended an executive certificate program sponsored by Duke Divinity. There are project requirements to earn the certificate. Colleen would like to incorporate strategies from the class into developing an annual stewardship plan that could be used not only by Trinity, but other ELCA congregations. Part of this plan will be a capital campaign to raise funds to support the outreach budget for 3 years.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30pm.