

Trinity Lutheran Church Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, November 6, 2023

Church Council Roster and Other Official Attendees:

Y	Terry Bockelkamp * (2025) <i>Secretary</i>	Y	Haydn Evans * (2024)	Y	Carol Howell * (2024)	Y	Bob Klien * (2026)
N	Chris Mathews * (2024) <i>Treasurer</i>	Y	Kathy Mathews (2025)	N	Bill Oehler + (2025)	Y	Todd Rehder * (2024) <i>President</i>
N	Dee Smith * (2026) <i>Vice President</i>	Y	Eli Troup (2026)				
Y	Heather Klien <i>Recording Secretary</i>				* Serving 2 nd term		+ non-voting appointment

1. OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was opened with prayer by Todd Rehder.

2. RECOGNITION OF OTHER PERSONS PRESENT:

None

3. SPECIAL DISCUSSION TOPIC FOR THE CHURCH COUNCIL:

Haydn updated the council members regarding the call process. The council decided to insert information into the weekly PowerPoint to update the congregation regarding the completed steps in the call process.

4. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY:

The minutes of the Church Council from October 16, 2023, were presented by Heather Klien. The minutes were accepted as presented with a motion by Haydn. Terry seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The motion carried.

5. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

The Report of the Treasurer for October 2023 was presented by Chris Mathew subject to audit. Haydn made a motion to accept the report. Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

8. REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Haydn updated the council on the stages of the call process. Trinity is on the call list currently. Discussion took place regarding how to share the call process with the congregation. It was decided that there will be some updates to the weekly PowerPoint to share what stage of the process Trinity is in each week.

9. REPORTS OF THE MINISTRY TEAMS:

a. Worship Ministry Team:

Dee was not present, and no report was made.

Heather will be taking on the responsibility of getting the Christmas trees up and decorated for 2023.

b. Education Ministry Team:

Sunday school is continuing with two preschool students on Sunday mornings. Heather is teaching "Monday" school on Monday evenings with all the other children. Attendance has been good except on Family Service nights.

No Sunday school or Adult Forum on December 24th or December 31st.

The Youth Group continues to meet almost every week. Attendance has been good. The youth kids will decorate the Christmas trees in the fellowship area and in the gathering room.

Terry stated that the preschool students are continuing to come to the library once a month for a bible lesson and to check out books.

Kathy said the Adult Fellowship is going well. Several adults are attending weekly. Kathy and Pastor Mathews will be away for the first Sunday in Advent. Heather will lead the Adult Forum that Sunday and Kathy will pick it up again when she returns.

Women's Bible Study Group will not meet again until the third Monday in January.

The preschool continues to get new students. The licensing process is still underway.

c. Service and Outreach Ministry Team:

The Keyston Mission dinners continue to be served to thirty-six individuals on the third Friday of each month. Eli is responsible for December's meal. Bob, is sponsoring January's meal and Bob and Heather Klien will sponsor February's meal.

John will hold his Christmas wreath making class on Thursday, December 7th.

d. Witness and Fellowship Ministry Team:

After discussing it with the council, Haydn made a motion to absorb both the Witness and Fellowship Ministry Team and the Service and Outreach Ministry Teams into one Team. The new Team will be the Witness, Fellowship, Service and Outreach Team. Carol Seconded that motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

e. Support Ministry Team:

Heather discussed the issues with the furnace that heats the old building and the need for a new thermostat.

The pipe organ is scheduled to be tuned and cleaned in December.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

None

12. ADJOURNMENT and LORD'S PRAYER:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob and seconded by Carol. The motion carried.

The meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Klien
November 8, 2023