

# Trinity Lutheran Church Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania

## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

**Monday, April 8, 2024**

### **Church Council Roster and Other Official Attendees:**

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

### **1. OPENING PRAYER:**

The meeting was opened with prayer by Todd Rehder.

### **2. SPECIAL DISCUSSION TOPIC FOR THE CHURCH COUNCIL:**

Kathy Mathews went over the plans for Pastor Brad Hales visit to Trinity on the weekend of April 19<sup>th</sup> through April 21<sup>st</sup>.

- The weekend will begin with Pastor Hales meeting with the Church Council and the Call Committee on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. The meeting will take place at the church and a hot dinner will be provided.
- The weekend will continue with a meeting with Pastor Hales and the congregational members of Trinity from 10 AM – 1 PM. Lunch will be provided.
- Pastor Hales will be the supply pastor on Sunday morning.
- The congregation will be encouraged to stay for a special coffee hour following the 10 am worship service.
- Kathy will take care of getting both meals catered.
- Kathy will put a signup sheet and will come of with something to put in the weekly bulletins for the Saturday event with Pastor Hales.
- Kathy is putting together questions for Pastor Hales.
- The council agreed that Trinity will pay for the hotel stay of Pastor Hales for his three day stay trip to help Trinity.
- Todd suggested that Pastor Hales be asked to make a short video introducing himself to the congregation and personally inviting them to the events being held that weekend.

### **3. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY:**

The minutes of the Church Council from February 5, 2024, were presented by Heather Klien. The minutes were accepted as presented with a motion made by Terry and seconded by Kathy. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

**4 REPORT OF THE TREASURER:**

The Report of the Treasurer for February 2024 was presented by Chris Mathews. Terry made a motion to approve the Report of the Treasurer. Carol seconded that motion. All were in favor and the report was approved.

**5. REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

No Report

**6. REPORTS OF THE MINISTRY TEAMS:**

**a. Worship Ministry Team:**

Staffing concerns were discussed at this meeting. Heather is to contact the leader of the Worship Committee for input on what requirements need to be considered upon creating contracts.

This subject will be discussed at the April Church Council meeting.

**b. Education Ministry Team:**

Heather and Todd gave updates on the preschool's licensing progress.

Heather requested permission to start painting projects in the preschool using funds in that account. Terry made a motion for Heather to move forward with those projects. Kathy seconded that motion. All were in favor, and it was so ordered.

The preschool is planning eight summer camps starting in June and ending the first week of August.

Terry updated the council on the library. Students in both the Sunday school and the preschool are making regular monthly visits.

Terry also mentioned that National Library Month is in April. She intends to put envelopes in the pews for donations to the library.

Kathy stated that the Trinity Women's Group will meet again on March 18<sup>th</sup>. They are thinking about having a luncheon at a restaurant again soon. Cheri continues to lead the bible study.

Kathy said that the Adult Forum class continues to meet on Sunday mornings at 9 AM. There has been an average of six adults weekly, although it is not always the exact same six people. She also said that the class will be discussing "Growing an Aging Church."

Sunday school and "Monday" school continue to go well. It appears that most of our kids are attending one or the other.

The youth group kids continue to meet on Monday nights following "Monday" school. Attendance has been very good.

**c. Service and Outreach – Witness and Fellowship Ministry Team:**

Kathy said she is still scheduling the Meals on Wheels deliveries on Thursdays. Currently there are three delivery stops.

Kathy quilts are being made on Wednesdays each week. Currently Kathy and Helen Gregosh are the only people making the quilts. Maryland Striepeck will be back from Florida in the late spring.

Terry updated the council on the "Fun for Seniors" group. Mary Klem, a nutritionist, came to the church to discuss nutrition for seniors. Eight people participated in this program. Terry is working on an AARP "Fraud and Scams" event to be held on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:45-12:45. Heather will be scheduling a baking event in May and a Steamtown Trolley event for June.

**d. Support Ministry Team:**

Heather had explained that Angel Garcia was still in the process of painting the specified areas of the educational building.

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

Kathy is working on some advertising ideas, such as a few advertisements in newspapers and local magazines. The council has decided to wait until the fall to advertise in this way. Kathy and George Mathews along with Heather will work on creating a sign for the front lawn in the meantime.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. New Members Received:**

Helen Gregosh has been received from Our Lady of the Snows Church in Clarks Summit. Helen has been attending Trinity for several years and is a highly active person in our congregation. Terry made a motion to approve Helen Gregosh's membership and Carol seconded that motion. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

**c. Other Items of New Business:**

During the council meeting it was discovered that the upstairs men's restroom water heater was leaking. Heather was instructed to have the water heater replaced. She was also instructed to go ahead and replace the water heater in the fellowship hall kitchen since it was at the end of its life too. This decision was made from the parking lot after the council meeting had concluded, as that is when the leak was discovered.

**9. ADJOURNMENT and LORD'S PRAYER:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris and seconded by Carol. All were in favor. The motion carried.

The meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Klien  
March 21, 2024