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Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes 12/16/25

As a service to our congregation, we are now publishing our monthly council meeting minutes in *The Pulse*:

Attendance

Present

Pastor Eli

Ken Myers, President 2026

John Ebersole, Vice President 2025

Debbie Garritano, Secretary 2028

Ralph Grove, Treasurer

Lisa Bush 2027

Nevin Woodring 2027

Pam Mueller 2026

Dave Mueller 2026

Brenda Adelman 2027

Sharon Kutz 2027

Nancy Honecker 2028

Absent

Tom Settle, Assistant Treasurer

Adam Counterman 2025

Chris Thompson 2025

Jim Buchanan 2028

Greetings/Devotions

The meeting was called to order by President, Ken Myers. Pastor led the group in prayer.

Minutes from last meeting

Minutes from the November meeting were read. Sharon made a motion to accept the minutes as written. John seconded the motion. Motion passed. Debbie said that there were errors in the original minutes sent out to the Pulse which were corrected before this meeting. The minutes from the Council meetings will now be on the Pulse and at the back of the sanctuary.

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor presented a written report. She reported that there are 17 shut ins and all but three have been visited and received communion for the Christmas season. She had 4 funerals, 2 home visits, 1 hospital visit and 2 baptisms, mother/daughter Brittany and Addy (she is in 11th grade and went to St. Andrew Preschool). Four of our young people received their first Holy Communion, Haven, Marlo, Hudson, and Montez. Pastor also attended the Search for Peace performance in Curwensville. She also had a wonderful time at the Howlin' and Meowin' Concert.

Property

Adam presented a written report. The new railing on the alley side has been started and will be completed weather permitting. A garage door opener and keypad have been donated by Altoona Door Co. and winter. Buying in bulk is cheaper. The pressure temperature relief valve has been replaced on the boiler. The pumps have been lubricated.

Worship and Music

Available upon request

Christian Ed

None

Stewardship

None

Social Ministry

Presented a written report of things they have accomplished in 2025. They take charge of Easter for Eli Easter Baskets, honor the preschool kids at Christmas, Easter and the last day of school. They help supply clothing to Bethany Lutheran Church for their monthly clothing give away. The committee organized volunteers to help clean the entire church. They change the tree in Trinity Hall for the seasons, send "Thinking of You" cards to shut-ins, organize items for the Caring Cupboard. They work putting the Orbit together and exercising with preschool children. They also held a Gardner's fundraiser and raised \$400 for the Pastor's discretionary fund. But best of all, they spend a lot of time eating and solving the world's problems!

Old Business

Treasurer - John asked the question about the Treasurer's position. There has been little movement to transfer the position to Tom Settle. Following discussion, it was decided that the Personnel committee will meet with Tom to discuss his commitment to the position. If Tom is unable to commit, another individual will be sought. They will meet with Ralph to discuss moving the paperwork to the upstairs office and to set up a cooperative working program between Ralph and the future Treasurer for three months and the transfer to be completed in March 2026. These meetings will take place at the beginning of January 2026.

Office – Sharon brought up the problem with the office not being manned daily. Do we want someone else to come in and help Cindy? Following discussion, the Personnel Committee will meet with Cindy to ask if we can get help with her. The meeting will take place at the beginning of January 2026.

New Business

Ben Blessed – Five years ago, we made an agreement with Ben Blessed, Josh Roland, to store clothing and items for the homeless. Ben Blessed has been dissolved, and Josh did work with the Salvation Army to help the homeless. Pastor reported that Josh has given her several stories about working with the Salvation Army. When Ken called the

Salvation Army, they said he was not working with them. Following discussion, Pastor will call the Salvation Army Outreach to ask about the clothing items. If they don't want them, we will distribute the items to the Overflow Church Warming Center, and other churches that have clothing give aways.

Election of Officers

By a written ballot, the following officers were voted by majority vote.

President: Dave Mueller

Vice President: Brenda Adelman

Secretary: Debbie Garritano

The meeting was then adjourned. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Garritano

Next meeting: January 27, 2026 at 7PM

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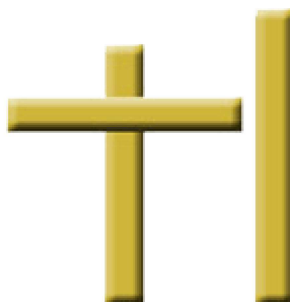
Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. Faith, fun and fellowship are always in season at Trinity Altoona :)

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