

Church Council Minutes  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Latrobe  
February 17, 2026

- I. Call to Order-6:33 p.m.
- II. Devotions/Opening Prayer by Dana Shannon
- III. Prayer Partners
- IV. Roll Call:  
Present: Pastor Jason Felici, Herb Harris, Kayla Yasurek, Mark Jones, Dana Shannon, Heather Deemer, Darlene Hoffmann, Jarrett Nicely, Meri Beth Elder, John Hugo, Kaden Shannon

Excused: Joe Bruzda, Karen Clair, Linda Brigaman

Unexcused: None

**Motion to accept roll: Dana Shannon; seconded by Kaden Shannon**

- V. Adoption of Agenda  
Motion to accept the agenda: Heather Deemer; seconded by Darlene Hoffmann
- VI. Review of minutes from January  
**Motion to accept minutes: Kayla Yasurek, seconded by Herb Harris**  
Communications  
A Tenebrae sign-up sheet was circulated for reading at that service. Council will meet in the lounge between 6-6:15 p.m. on Friday, April 3.
- VII. Ministry Report
  - a. Snow cancellation was a rare occurrence.
  - b. Dana's livestream was recorded Saturday night, and then broadcast on the radio on Sunday.
  - c. Drive-thru communion is not well attended, so a possible healing service instead is being considered.
  - d. Currently, there are two drive-thru communions offered per month, but there is discussion about decreasing to one per month.
  - e. The Annual Ministry Meeting and Potluck will be held March 15th after the 10:45 service. A sign up sheet will be posted for people to list foods they are bringing. Church council members will set up and put on table cloths Saturday evening, report again at 11:15 to brew coffee and further prep, and will clean up afterwards.
- IX. Treasurer's Report
  - a. A quarterly report will now be published on investment accounts, rather than monthly.

- b. Unified giving is in a deficit currently, but we missed a week of giving due to the snow cancellation of Sunday services.
- c. The end of month balance for January was \$47,434.30.
- d. Both FICA and Lay Staff are under budget because we do not have a second secretary.
- e. Worship and Music is also running under budget.
- f. On the final cashflow reflected in July and August, the church looks wealthy simply because the boiler loan money had disbursed, but the bill had not been posted or paid yet.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Darlene Hoffmann; seconded by Kaden Shannon.**

X. Unfinished Business

- a. Personnel update-Interviews are happening for the secretarial position.
- b. Property Committee Motion

**The Property Committee makes a motion for Burglar's Nightmare Lock and Security Install 23 keypad locks on interior and exterior doors. Financing to come from the Capital Improvements budget line at a maximum of \$7,200.00 to cover any cost increase. This was originally bid on September 1, 2025 at a cost of \$6,402.00.**

**\*The motion passed unanimously.**

XI. New business

- a. There is a motion from the Worship and Music Committee.

**The worship and Music Committee is recommending to council that Saturday, July 4 service at 5:30 be cancelled.**

**\*The motion passed unanimously.**

- b. Nominations for the Audit Committee-Motion for Jaqueline (pronounced Jackalyn; Jackie) Mars who is nominated to be a new member of the Audit Committee.

**\*The motion passed unanimously.**

- c. The Finance Committee and Special Gifts Committee make the following motion to council:

**Withdrawals from endowments for use in the meeting 2025 cash flow needs to be made as specified on the "Mission Endowment Funds 12/31/2025" spreadsheet.**

**\*The motion passed unanimously.**

d. New Members

1. Peter, Andrea, Marco, Domenic and Nicholas Cuda (From Good Shepherd in Greensburg.)
2. Paul, Deborah, Abigail and Andrew Fox.

**\*A motion was made to accept the new members by Herb Harris; seconded by Darlene Hoffmann. Passed unanimously.**

**Motion to Adjourn by Kaden Shannon; seconded by Dana Shannon**

Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Heather Deemer