

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Lansdale, PA  
June 22, 2022 Council Governance Meeting

At 7:04 p.m., after devotion and prayer by Pastor Fowler, the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Council Governance meeting was called to order by Karen Bergey, President.

In Attendance: Karen Bergey, Julie Kinzel, Teri Lanan, Jamie Price, Cindy Weiss, and Pastor Fowler. Visitors were Pastor Petry and Meg Ehm (for a portion of the meeting). The agenda was approved with a motion made by Teri Lanan and seconded by Julie Kinzel.

Pastor Fowler presented his pastor's report highlighting recent and upcoming events. He reported on discussions recently held with some local officials regarding housing insecurity in our local area and some possible solutions to consider. He discussed meetings recently held with Synod regarding Trinity receiving an intern, with hours, length and start date of internship being discussed. At this time there is an intern who could work on a part-time basis (20/wk.) for a 6-month period and could start in January 2023. If Synod finalizes the internship, a five-person intern committee appointed by pastor would need to be set up for support and feedback.

**Highlight: a motion was made by Jamie Price and seconded by Cindy Weiss to approve Trinity being an internship site in 2023 – motion passed.**

Meg Ehm was at the meeting to present and discuss a proposed initiative (Let's Talk Trinity), designed to learn more about Trinity disciples who are currently connected to our ministries via a conversation about their engagement with Trinity as well as their talents and passions. After discussing, the consensus of Council was to endorse this program.

Jamie Price, Treasurer, gave a May financial review. She highlighted revenues are pretty close to budget, only \$7,000 under; however, preschool revenues are less than budgeted by \$14,000. Expenses continue to be under budget - \$28,000 under. At end of May there is a surplus of \$33,000 vs. budget projection of \$19,000.

Next steps for a pavilion were discussed by Council, including location.

Discussion was held regarding Luther Hall, with the following motion being approved by Council:

**Highlight: a motion, made by Teri Lanan and seconded by Cindy Weiss, to approve establishing a task force for exploratory assessment of what Luther Hall can and should be used for – was approved.**

Council members were requested to suggest names of members who would be good for the task force.

Karen Bergey gave an update on Faith Formation, reviewing plans for Deacon Karen Matthias-Long's retirement dinner on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Someone being considered for the interim Director of Faith Formation will be meeting with Karen and Deb Neves in the near future.

Cindy Weiss gave an update on Nominating Committee stating some contacts still need to be made for people for the committee. The final list will be presented to Council for approval when completed.

Teri Lanan gave an update on the upcoming Leadership Retreat, noting the two books that need to be pre-read for the retreat. Schedule and room assignments will be coming out shortly.

Karen Bergey stated that starting with the July Council meeting, future Council meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.

After confidential items were noted, a motion was approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m., followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dianne Kalb, Recording Secretary