

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Lansdale, PA
April 25, 2023 Council Governance Meeting

The April 25th Council Governance meeting was called to order by Teri Lanan, Vice President, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 264, followed by devotions and prayer by Pastor Fowler.

In Attendance: David Freudig, Julie Kinzel, Teri Lanan, Jamie Price, William Shimer, Michael Voicheck, and Pastor Fowler. Absent: Karen Bergey Visitor: None. The agenda was approved as presented with a motion made by Bill Shimer and seconded by Jamie Price, and passed.

Jamie Price reported on the financial status as of the end of March. She highlighted that Thrivent Mutual Funds showed a gain of \$17,000, and revenue actual is \$8,954 more than budget and expenses \$14,962 less than budget, resulting in a net surplus of \$23,916 more than budget year-to-date. Year-to-date actual revenue is \$447,002, actual expenses are \$364,061 showing an actual \$82,941 net surplus.

Pastor Fowler gave the pastor's report. He reported on working with Lansdale Police Department to do a security assessment of the exterior and interior of Trinity facilities for safety purposes. Awaiting report back. We did get preliminary approval for a PA Commonwealth grant of \$25,000 for security cameras. Regarding our openings, the Call Committee has the name of a candidate and an interview has been scheduled. There is a candidate for the Organist opening currently being interviewed. He noted the seminary informed him there is a student available for internship in second half of year-starting in August, which would be a year-long full-time commitment. Pastor Fowler discussed possibly adding a 30- minute service during the summer between the 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services. Reported that Connor Watson will be a co-coordinator for Vacation Bible School and will be working 20-25 hrs. per week during summer as Seminarian for Faith Formation starting May 22nd reporting to Deacon Jane Elliott. He further reported there was a minute mission regarding status of pavilion (no start date yet), reported on status of pick-a-pixel campaign and target letters going out, and status of Loft Task Force project which had received a \$130,000 pledge.

Pastor Fowler discussed revisions made to the Associate Pastor Ministry Site Summary form.

Highlight: A motion, made by David Freudig and seconded by William Shimer, to approve the revised Ministry Site Summary document – Passed.

Updates/pre-reads on Finance, Generosity and HR Committees were provided. An Endowment Committee update noted that four had been selected for scholarship fund and \$12,000 had been approved for Luther Hall Task Force request.

Dave Freudig and Teri Lanan are working on a Designated Gift Policy and will send out a pre-read copy before asking for approval. Also, Policy 100.101 (acceptance of gifts) and Policy 100.115 (acknowledge of gifts) will also be reviewed.

Teri Lanan reported they have a full slate of Trinity attendees for the upcoming Synod Assembly. Also, she reported next Shared Leadership Meeting will be July 11th.

Pastor Fowler will be attending ELCA Large Congregation Meeting in Florida in May.

Joys and concerns were shared and the meeting was then adjourned at 8:35 p.m. with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted
Dianne Kalb, Recording Secretary

Addendum: Pastor Fritz shared with council members via email, a job title, description and resume for Connor Watson. A motion was made by Teri Lanan to approve the summer hiring of Connor Watson as the VBS Co-Coordinator and Seminarian for Faith Formation as of May 22, 2023. Julie Kinzel seconded the motion and it carried via email support from the council. There is potential for Connor to continue to work in the fall considering his academic load at seminary and TLC timeline of hiring of an associate pastor.