

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Lansdale, PA
June 27, 2023 Council Governance Meeting

The June 27th Council Governance meeting was called to order by Karen Bergey, President, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 264, followed by devotion/prayer by Pastor Fowler.

In Attendance: Karen Bergey, David Freudig, Julie Kinzel, Teri Lanan, Jamie Price, William Shimer, Michael Voicheck, Vicar Cari States-Codding, and Pastor Fowler. Visitor: None. The agenda was approved as presented with a motion made by Julie Kinzel and seconded by William Shimer. The minutes from the May 23rd Council Governance Meeting were approved with a motion made by Teri Lanan and seconded by Michael Voicheck.

Jamie Price reported on the financial status as of the end of May. The financial report for year-to-date May showed actual revenue is \$705,288 vs budget of \$702,101 (\$3,187 increase), and actual expenses are \$619,625 vs. budget of \$669,051 (\$49,426 under), thus showing an actual net surplus of \$52,613. After reviewing the Statement of Financial Position, she responded to questions. Jamie then led a discussion with Council on future projections, which included the Preschool. Council then went into Executive Session for a strategic conversation. After a lengthy discussion was held, it was decided to continue the conversation at another special meeting to be scheduled before the regularly scheduled July Council meeting.

Pastor Fowler reported on the Preschool staffing for 2023-2024 and the need for approval to rehire the staff.

Highlight: a motion, made by David Freudig and seconded by Teri Lanan to approve the rehiring of Tammy Ferro as Preschool Administrator, Jennifer Schuster as 3-year old Lead Teacher, Carole MacDonald as 3-year old Assistant Teacher, Danielle Scherer as 4-year old Lead Teacher, Kim Nolan as 4-year old Assistant Teacher, Julia Claffey as PreK Assistant Teacher, and new hire Jackie Beradi as PreK Lead Teacher – was passed.

Pastor Fowler reported on the Security Assessment Task Force that Council, at its May Council meeting, requested he get names together to form an advisory team. This team would begin to review and recommend reasonable corrections to Council to findings of safety assessment done by Lansdale Borough Police and will work with Manager of Building & Grounds to implement the approved recommendations. He proposed the names of four male members to be on this team in addition to himself. A Council member suggested adding a female staff member of the Maintenance Department.

Highlight: a motion, made by Teri Lanan and seconded by William Shimer, to approve the proposed members for the Task Force and pursue suggested female member for the task force – was passed.

Pastor Fowler gave an update on the Pavilion project. A groundbreaking gathering was recently held and a dedication /reception is being scheduled for September 10th. Pastor Fowler also gave an update on the Loft Project and noted a contact person is needed for the project.

Highlight: a motion, made by David Freudig and seconded by Jamie Price to approve Harry Smyser as Clerk of the Work – was passed.

Pastor Fowler gave an update on the progress being made by the Luther Hall Task Force. He also discussed his participation in the Cornerstone project at Pennbrook. He noted that Vicar Cari States-Codding's last day is July 19th.

Pastor Fowler will e-mail some available dates to Council members for the "Our Plan" Part 2 continuation of discussion meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned at 9:05 p.m. with Lord's Prayer. Next Council Governance Meeting is July 25th.

Respectfully Submitted
Dianne Kalb, Recording Secretary