

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Lansdale, PA
October 24, 2023 Council Governance Meeting

The October 24th Council Governance meeting was called to order by Teri Lanan, President, at 7:02 p.m., in Room 264 followed by devotion/prayer by Pastor Fowler.

In Attendance: David Freudig, Julie Kinzel, Teri Lanan, Jamie Price, William Shimer, Michael Voicheck, and Pastor Fowler. Visitor: Pastor Ric and Jane Elliot for portion of meeting. The agenda was approved as presented with a motion made by William Shimer and seconded by Julie Kinzel.

Jamie Price reported and responded to questions on the financial status as of the end of September from Statement of Activities report pre-sent to Council members. She noted it appears at this time we will end the year in a positive/surplus state, but reviewed challenges for 2024 budget. Jamie will take comments discussed about passing offering plates and additional ways of contributing, to Generosity Committee. Finance Committee will recommend a proposed budget to Council at November meeting.

Teri Lanan discussed the status and confusion of parlor purchases, reporting that \$3,500 had already been spent, primarily on purchase of carts. These purchases are for phase one (decorative work).

Luther Hall Task Force meeting will be scheduled for November 15th to ask/discuss questions with the Task Force about their report.

Teri Lanan reviewed the Call plans for the meetings with the Associate Pastor candidate on November 3, 4 and 5. Council members are scheduled to meet with the candidate at dinner on November 3rd. There will be a meet and greet on November 4th from 3-5:00 p.m. for the congregation. Special meetings will be called to order to vote after the worship service on Saturday night and the two services on Sunday morning.

Julie Kinzel reported the Nominating Committee is still reviewing candidates and will be meeting in the next week. Pastor Fowler reported on the status of pledges received.

In Pastor Fowler's report, he stated Pastor Bill Petry will end his Pastoral Associate position on November 11/12. A discussion was then held on whether to hold a Christmas Day worship service. Council's decision was not to hold a service, but suggested Pastor Fowler post a message on social media instead.

An Executive Session was then called at 7:55 p.m. with Pastor Ric Elliott and Deacon Jane Elliot present. The Council meeting was adjourned after the Executive Session. Next Council Governance Meeting is November 28th.

After the meeting - via e-mail - it was reported that an additional cost for time and labor occurred during replacement of the cast iron sewer pipes due to a clog. William Shimer made, and Julie Kinzel seconded, a motion to approve the payment of the additional \$4,200 to be funded from the undesignated bequest account, and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Dianne Kalb, Recording Secretary