

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Lansdale, PA
December 19, 2023 Council Governance Meeting

The December 19th Council Governance meeting was called to order by Teri Lanan, President, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 264 followed by devotion/prayer by Pastor Fowler.

In Attendance: David Freudig, Julie Kinzel, Teri Lanan, Jamie Price, William Shimer, Pastor Fowler and Pastor Steiner (via conference call). Absent: Michael Voicheck. Visitor: none. The agenda was approved as presented with a motion made by William Shimer and seconded by Jamie Price.

Jamie Price presented the Treasurers Report. She reviewed the pre-sent financial reports (highlighting the Youth Activity report). E-mail her with any questions. Year-to-date 2023 numbers as of the end of November shows \$24,324 less actual income vs. budget and \$56,281 less actual expenses vs. budget. This results in a \$31,957 surplus income vs. budget as of the end of November. The Finance Committee was to find funding for the \$32,000 needed for loft project. Their recommendation was to use undesignated bequest money. After Council discussion:

Highlight: A motion, made by Jamie Price and seconded by Teri Lanan, to approve funding additional loft costs of \$32,000 with undesignated bequests – was approved.

Council briefly discussed 2024 budget presentation at annual meeting.

Julie Kinzel reported for the Nominating Committee. There are three spots available for 2024 Council. They are recommending Curt Deardorff, Susan Pashos, and Sandy Cottrell for Council.

Highlight: A motion, made by William Shimer and seconded by David Freudig, to approve the Nominating Committee's three nominees at the Annual Meeting – was approved.

Teri Lanan reported that the Endowment Committee policy changes were sent to insurance company legal assist and are now being reviewed by an attorney. When we hear back from the attorney, Council will then vote. Discussed reasons for denial of an Endowment request from Global Outreach. It was mentioned that there is a need in the Endowment Policy to specify who check is to be payable to. Also need to clarify roles and responsibilities of Endowment Committee and pastors.

Council discussed next steps for the Security Task Force report prepared by Harry Smyser. Will discuss what Council guidance is needed for maintenance and on-going safety at January Council meeting.

Trinity is hosting a Stewardship Extravaganza and Council members are encouraged to attend and participate.

Luther Hall Task Force report was received and will be shared with congregation in the Spring.

Pastor Fowler presented his report. Rick and Jane Elliott's job ends on December 31st and they will be honored in 2024.

Discussed need to contract for a visitation assistant for 10 (15) hours per week. Was tabled until next meeting.

The contract has been signed for the Loft project and noted what work has been completed and what work is upcoming.

Concerns/celebrations were shared. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. following Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Dianne Kalb, Recording Secretary