

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY 2025

- A Venmo account will be created to offer an additional way to make contributions to BT@R.
- Livestream update: we currently have two of the three estimates for installation and upgrade of livestream and video equipment. Two volunteers from the Property Team have offered to contact a local church to learn more about how they installed their equipment.
- Discussion regarding the Bethlehem police coverage for Christmas Eve crossing of Broad St. It was agreed that the service was effective and should be used again.
- Reviewed the atrium/elevator project. Contract has been reviewed by our attorney and is in the process of a final draft. City permits are being applied for by the contractor. Recent meeting with committee and architect to discuss outside space.
- Boiler has had emergency repairs and is awaiting parts for additional work. Total cost of both is approximately \$6,000.
- Bear Creek scholarships of \$300 will be offered to campers who apply through BT@R. If no campers apply, we will make a donation to Bear Creek for other campers.
- The City of Bethlehem inspected the building and provided us with quite an extensive list of repairs and changes that need to be done. One area cited was replacement of exterior doors. As a result, four bids were obtained. We will be replacing seven doors at a total cost of \$29,000.
- There are 30 windows in need of window treatments. It was approved to spend the amount, not to exceed \$3,543 installed.
- Efforts are underway to empty the storage units at Shively's. Dr. Clutter has been hired to bring the contents to BT@R for sorting and then distribution to various agencies. When the sorting is complete, the congregation will be given the opportunity to view the items and take them home before they are distributed to agencies.
- Appropriated \$2,000 to the Lutheran Disaster Fund for the California fire victims and \$1,000 to the restoration fund of St. Joe's on Southside Bethlehem.