

Unity Committee Meeting Recap

1. Meet on November 13, 2022
2. Discussed:
 - a. Voting procedures on the Unity Team
 - b. Reviewed Joint Council vote on Unity Team recommendations
 1. All funds from the sale of all locations are to be used for the purchase\renovation for the location of Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church = Approved by Council
 2. The purchase\renovation of the new location of Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church will not exceed the proceeds from the sale of all 4 properties = Approved by Council (added No Mortgage at the end)
 3. Any remaining funds from the sale and purchase\renovations of the new location will remain in the possession of Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church = Approved by Council
 4. We decline both Letters of Intent received from the City of Bethlehem and the developer = Approved by Council
 5. Enter into a contract with Lucy Lennon as our realtor for the sale of all 4 locations and the purchase of new location for Blessed Trinity = Approved by Council for a 6-month contract
 6. The Joint Council decide on the process of marketing and selling all 4 locations by either option 1 of bundling all 4 locations as 1 complete purchase or option 2 of selling each location individually = Bundling all 4 as 1 complete purchase Approved by Council (NOTE: this was voted after a meeting with Bethlehem mayor and Lucy Lennon on Nov 2nd)
 - c. Ask the Joint Council to publish their meeting minutes\highlights by the end of the week. They should share the update at the weekend services, print in the TWMA, publish on both websites, and send an email to all members. Also mentioned that if any Unity Team member receives any questions or concerns of the Joint Council approvals, they should be directed to the Joint Council.
 - d. New Location Search – volunteers
 1. There is currently an unequal representation of each community of faith. The goal is to have 3 members from each community of faith to be represented.
 - e. Sub-committee updates

Constitution & ByLaws (Mary Mann) = October's synod meeting was cancelled, we are scheduled on November synod's meeting. Mention to council to discuss a date for a Joint Congregational meeting to approve the Constitution & ByLaws for Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church.

New Location Search (Mike Horwath) = will be working with Lucy for possible new locations. Scheduled to visit a contemporary\modern style church.

 1. Recommend to council the following procedure for when Lucy presents a location and the sub-committee believes that it should be considered:
 - The realtor will contact Mike, as Unity Team liaison, who will contact the President, Vice President, and Secretary of each community of faith for their review and action on the offer within 24 to 48 hours. Their task is to decide whether to reject, clarify, counteroffer, or consider the offer and schedule an Emergency Joint Council meeting within 24 to 48 hours for action to be taken by the Joint Council on the Offer.

Asset Disposition (Kenda Riley) = started with Lucy to market and list all 4 locations as 1 purchase for \$4.1 million. Lucy has contacted the City of Bethlehem first for them to prepare an offer for all 4 locations.

1. Recommend to council the following procedure for when Lucy receives an offer:
 - The realtor will contact Kenda, as Unity Team liaison, who will contact the President, Vice President, and Secretary of each community of faith for their review and action on the offer within 24 to 48 hours. Their task is to decide whether to reject, clarify, counteroffer, or consider the offer and schedule an Emergency Joint Council meeting within 24 to 48 hours for action to be taken by the Joint Council on the Offer.
 - Any monies needed to move, donate, or discard items that will not be used at Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church will be split evenly among the 3 communities of faith.

Archive (Kenda Riley) = continue with assessing and inventorying archives. They may start boxing items if they are able that they want to bring to Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church.

Non-Fixed Assets (Nancy Kostas) = continue with inventorying items. Mentioned that if items are in damaged or non-working, that they may discard the items. There is still a need for more volunteers. Discussed possible options for when we have large amount of items that we need to discard.

1. Recommend to council the following:
 - Anyone who wishes to take any books, other than any used for worship, are able to take as they want.

Attorney (Joe Bleier) = received invoice for clarification on obtaining a Federal EIN number for Blessed Trinity.

Mission Statement (Kevin Remaly) = they have a rough draft, working on a mission statement with a set of core values.

Fellowship (Linda Toltesi) = still need volunteers from Light of Christ and St Peters. Bingo at St John's Windish is scheduled.

3. Any questions or concerns regarding the sale of the locations should be addressed only to Kenda Riley as the Unity Team liaison, along with any questions or concerns regarding the purchase of the new location and property for Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church should be addressed only to Mike Horwath. There is no contact to be made to our realtor from the congregation.
4. **Please be aware that we will not be without a church building to worship at any time during this process.** Our realtor is stressing this point in all offers, along with working this into any contract regarding the sale, that we will be able to worship at one of our campuses until we are ready to move into the new building for Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church.
5. Next Steps
 - a. Keep the Unity Team recap in the Til We Meet Again until the next recap, not just for the 1 week as we are currently doing.
 - b. Meeting with Pastor Jean Huber on November 22nd to learn Pastor Call process
 - c. Follow up with the Joint Council vote on recommendations
 - d. Follow up with sub-committees with progress
6. Next Meeting on Sunday, January 8, 2023

7. Unity Team Sub-Committees:

- Naming** = Kevin Remaly \ kevremaly@gmail.com
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New Location Search = Mike Horwath \ jr4926@rcn.com
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Fellowship = Linda Toltesi \ ltoltesi@rcn.com



Pictured Left from Right:

Gina Brockway, Pastor Mike Button (liaison), Nancy Kostas, Mike Horwath, Kenda Riley, Joe Bleier, Mary Mann, Kevin Remaly, David Kolman, Linda Toltesi, and Pastor Suzanne Trump (liaison)