

UPG Parish & St. John's Windish Lutheran Church
Joint Council Meeting
STP

Bethlehem, PA
August 16, 2022

Members Present: Joe Bleier, Gina Brockway, Sandy Butch, Ron Dalla Piazza, Susan DeAngelis, Lou Dravec, Kathy Fielding, Teryan Gerhard, Steve Granlund, Harmony Gubich, Bonnie Harper, Buzz Heidecker, David Kolman, Ron Leposa, Sharon Lintner, Michel Lloyd, Linda Maule, Donna Musselman, Kenda Riley, Tom Seifert, Linda Toltesi, Paul Toub, Susan Vitez			
Members Excused: Jimmy Bleier, Tracy Heberling, Tom Sarver			
Members Absent: Donna Mackaravitz, Tina Piscitello			
Clergy/Staff members/Guests present: Pastor Suzanne, Pastor Mike, Maria Skrilec, Catherine Ziel			
Topic	Discussion	Action	Resolution
<i>Call to Order</i>		@ 1901 by Sandy Butch, Gina Brockway, & David Kolman (presider)	
<i>Opening Prayer</i>		Offered by Pastor Suzanne	
<i>Approval of Agenda</i>	As distributed	Motion to approve agenda as distributed made by: Ron Leposa 2 nd by: Joe Bleier	Approved unanimously
<i>Approval of Minutes July 19, 2022</i>	As distributed	Motion to approve July minutes made by: Sandy Butch 2 nd by: Bonnie Harper	Approved unanimously
<i>Treasurer's Updates</i>	LOC as submitted & explained by Catherine Ziel St. Peter's as submitted & explained by Joe Bleier St. John's Windish as submitted & explained by Maria Skrilec All campuses continue to experience higher expenses than income	Motion to approve submitted reports for the UPG & SJW made by: Donna Musselman 2 nd by: Susan Vitez	Approved unanimously
<i>Staff Concerns</i>			
<i>Staff Reports</i>	As distributed		Informational
<i>Issues from Staff Meeting</i>			

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<i>Offering Collection after service</i>			Sign up sheet developed by Joe Bleier & passed for council members to volunteer on a monthly basis
<i>New Administrative Assistant</i>	Discussion surrounding comfort level of Marian since Brynn has finished her time in this role		
<i>Committee Reports</i>			
<i>LOC</i>	None		
<i>St. Peter's</i>	None		
<i>St. John's</i>	None		
<i>Joint GWOH & Stewards & Angels in Ministry</i>	Many projects in the works for GWOH Sunday on September, 11 2022 Will be held at the LOC campus Will include a luncheon	Next meeting August 23, 2022	Informational
<i>Worship & Music Committee</i>	Recommendation to resume 0800 & 1030 worship services & 0915 Sunday School beginning 09/18/2022 Suggestion made to continue a single Sunday worship service so that we will be able to build relationships in our new community; extensive discussion ensued Recommendation to develop a fellowship committee to be	Motion to move to a single Sunday worship service @ 0915, with Sunday School from 0830-0900 made by: Joe Bleier 2 nd by: Ron Lapos This schedule will be in place through the end of December 2022. The joint councils will evaluate the success of this worship schedule at the December joint council meeting & make any necessary adjustments @ the January 2023 meeting Susan Vitez will ask the current SJW Social Committee if they will	Motion approved with 22 yes votes & 2 no votes

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	responsible to organize & plan social events & opportunities so members of the combined congregations can get to know each other	spearhead this initiative. Communication will be sent to all three (3) campus members for additional volunteers	
<i>Tech Team</i>	Next scheduled meeting will be held in September		Informational
<i>Old Business</i>			
<i>COVID-19, Monkeypox, & Polio updates</i>	Lehigh & Northampton counties remain in the medium transmission category; continue to follow CDC guidelines for COVID Briefly touched on current monkeypox outbreak in the US & finding of polio virus in waste water in NY state		Informational
<i>Unity Team Report</i>	Preparing a constitution & bylaws for the "new" congregation (BlessedTrinity) is the next step Laudone Appraisal Firm has been recommended to appraise each property in order to properly prepare for the future divestment of the real estate The cost for each campus congregation is \$2000.00	Next meeting August 21, 2022 Motion to approve payment of the appraisal expense for STP made by: Kenda Riley 2 nd by: Harmony Gubich Motion to approve payment of the appraisal expense for SJW made by: Ron Leposa 2 nd by: Sharon Lintner Motion to approve payment of the appraisal expense for LOC made by: Paul Toub 2 nd by: Bonnie Harper	Informational Approved unanimously by STP council members Approved unanimously by SJW council members Approved unanimously by LOC council members
<i>LOC Audit</i>	Audit committee meets next week		Informational

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<i>STP Audit</i>	Working thru meeting conflicts for this year Working on committee for next year		Informational
<i>New Business</i>			
<i>Christian Education Committee</i>	Suggestion made to develop a Christian Ed Committee that will be tasked with setting guidelines for future youth & adult educational offerings	A multi-media blast will be sent (email, web sites, printed material) to all soliciting volunteers for this committee	
<i>New Council for Blessed Trinity congregation</i>	After all paperwork has been completed & approval received from the Synod a new council will be developed		Informational
<i>SJW Requests</i> <i>Faith crawl</i> <i>Touchstone Theater Unbound Festival</i>	Tours of several faith tradition congregations has been scheduled for September 18, 2022 from 1500-1800 Requested to use parking lot on 09/28-30 (1400-2300) & 10/01/2022 (0800-0800)	Motion for SJW to participate as a visited site made by: Ron Leposa 2 nd by: Susan Vitez Motion to permit Touchstone Theater to use the parking lot made by: Linda Toltesi 2 nd by: Susan Vitez	Approved unanimously by SJW council members Approved unanimously by SJW council members
<i>Next Joint Council Meeting</i>	Tuesday, September 20, 2022 @ LOC	Sandy Butch presides	Informational
<i>Adjournment & Lord's Prayer</i>	@ 2040	Motion to adjourn made by: Sandy Butch 2 nd by: Joe Bleier	Approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Musselman, St. Peter's Congregational & Joint Council Secretary