

## **Minutes of 02/15/22 UPG/St. John's Windish Council Meeting**

***Members Present:*** Joe Bleier, Jimmy Bleier, Gina Brockway, Sandra Butch, Ron Dalla Piazza, Susan DeAngelis, Lou Dravec, Josh Gulotta, Buzz Heidecker, David Kolman, Nancy Kostas, Ron Leposa, Sharon Lintner, Michel Lloyd, Donna Mackaravitz, Tina Piscitello, Kenda Riley, Lois Ritchie, Tom Sarver, Tom Seifert, John Terry, Linda Toltesi, Susan Vitez

***Absent:*** Brynn Anderson, Migdalia DeJesus, Steve Granlund, Harmony Gubich, Tracy Heberling, James Ritchie, Mike Truchan

***Excused:*** Teryan Gerhard, Bonnie Harper, Donna Musselman

***Clergy/Staff Members/Guests:*** Pastor Mike, Pastor Suzanne, Matthew Bleier, Linda Maule, Maria Skrilec, Tony Villani, Catherine Ziel

***Call to Order:*** at 19:00 by Tom Seifert (presider), David Kolman, & Gina Brockway

***Opening Prayer:*** offered by Pastor Mike

***Approval of Agenda:*** Motion to approve made by: Gina Brockway, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Dalla Piazza. Approved unanimously.

***Approval of minutes January 18, 2022:*** Motion made by David Kolman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Vitez. Approved unanimously.

***Treasurers' Updates:*** LoC as submitted & reported by Catherine Ziel; St. Peter's as submitted & reported by Joe Bleier; St. John's Windish submitted January's report, February's report will be presented next month. Motion to approve the LoC report made by Nancy Kostas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna Mackaravitz. Motion to approve the STP report made by Sue DeAngelis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Kolman. Motion to approve the SJW report made by Ron Leposa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon Lintner. All were approved unanimously.

***Staff Concerns:*** None

### ***Committee Reports:***

- LOC's Informational
- St. Peter's: Informational
- St. John's: Informational
- Joint Committees:

- GWOH & SAM – The distribution of tithed monies was recommended as follows: LOC’s \$25,000 will be split equally between LDR and New Bethany Ministries. **SP’s \$9,000 will be split 10% to Habitat for Humanity and 90% to the refugee relocation project.** A motion was made to approve the distribution by David Kolman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Bleier. Unanimously approved.
- Worship and Music – The recommendations for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter worship schedule were approved on a motion by Kenda Riley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Sarver. Unanimously approved.

The monthly rotation will continue through June.

***Update on Transition Task Force:*** Tony Villani was available to answer questions by the Joint Councils. A question was asked how much money Attorney William Matz was going to charge for his legal services as we go forward. At this time, his fee is unknown. We will discuss this if/when the vote to blend is a YES.

The proposed wording for the vote is: *“I vote for our congregation (SJW, STP, LOC) to blend with the congregations of (SJW, STP, LOC) to form a new, unified community of faith with a new name and a new vision for mission and ministry. This blending will involve the eventual divesting by sale or other means of all real estate properties of the three churches.”*

A motion was made by Catherine Ziel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Sarver, to approve the wording on the voting. Unanimously approved.

### ***Old Business***

- Covid-19 Updates – See Parish Nurse’s report – Information.
- Council installations will take place February 27<sup>th</sup> at SJW at 9:30 – Informational.
- STP church will increase the rent for Pastors & Guardians from \$700/month to \$800/month; the Lehigh Valley Chinese Church will remain the same at \$400/month on a motion by Joe Bleier, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenda Riley. Unanimously approved.

*New Business*

- Pastor Suzanne made a motion to allow BES to use the upstairs room opposite the Banko Room to do intakes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Leposa. Unanimously approved.
- STP History of Memorial Funds to go to: \$410 to Music Program in memory of Tony DeAngelis; \$1,300.97 in memory of Peg Sames; \$100 to Music Program in memory of M. Simmons. Informational.

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***March Joint Council Meeting*** – March 15, 2022, David Kolman presides at LOC. Informational.

The meeting adjourned at 20:55p on a motion by Tom Sarver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenda Riley.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Butch, Light of Christ