

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

Bethlehem, PA
January 09, 2023

| Members Present: Joe Bleier, Joe Boligitz, Sandra Butch, Ron Dalla Piazza, Susan DeAngelis, Kathleen Fielding, Steve Granlund, Harmony Gubich, Bonnie Harper, Tracy Heberling, Buzz Heidecker, Carol Henn, Mary Karol, David Kolman, Ron Leposa, Linda Maule, Donna Musselman, Jeff Nelson, Gayle Nemeth, Ken Remaley, Kenda Riley, Tom Seifert, Stephanie Skinner, Linda Toltesi, Susan Vitez, | | | |
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| Members Excused: Lou Dravec, Teryan Gerhard, Michel Lloyd, Paul Toub | | | |
| Members Absent: Donna Mackaravitz | | | |
| Clergy/Staff members/Guests present: Pastor Suzanne, Pastor Mike, Nancy Kostas, Mary Mann, Kevin Remaly, Maria Skrilec, Catherine Ziel | | | |
| Topic | Discussion | Action | Resolution |
| <i>Call to Order</i> | | @ 1859 by David Kolman, Ken Remaly(presider) & Sandy Butch | |
| <i>Opening Prayer</i> | | Offered by Bishop Chris DeForest | |
| <i>Approval of Agenda</i> | As distributed | Motion to approve agenda as distributed made by: Sandy Butch 2 nd by: Ron Leposa | Approved unanimously |
| <i>Pastors Statements</i> | Encouraged all to follow the Covenant of Care (SJW council document) as we move forward as Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church Pastors need to be aware of all the meetings taking place as they are the shepherds of the flock Growing pains will continue even after the merger Still have much work ahead Partners for Sacred Places is a non-profit that helps historic churches has offered assistance in our merger process | | Informational |
| <i>Path Forward for Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church</i> | Offer from Lehigh is still intact with an addendum stating that if the eminent domain is filed prior to closure the offer will be null & void | Information packets distributed for potential communication blitzes describing current situation as it pertains to the sale of our properties | Informational |

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| | | Motion to move forward with the proposed communication plan made by: Tom Seifert 2 nd by: Jeff Nelson | Approved unanimously |
| <i>Path Forward for Liquidation of Current Properties (4 parcels)</i> | Request a 30 day extension from Lehigh University on their offer to allow some time for the communication plan to play out | Motion to request a 30-day extension from Lehigh University made by: Donna Musselman 2 nd by: Sandy Butch Will revisit success of the communication plan at the January 17, 2023 council meeting & get back to Lehigh University after that meeting | Approved unanimously |
| <i>Adjournment & Lord's Prayer</i> | @ 2129 | Motion to adjourn made by: Ron Leposa 2 nd by: Harmony Gubich | Approved unanimously |
| <i>Next Meeting</i> | Tuesday, January 16, 2023 @ SJW | Ken Remaly presiding | Informational |

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