

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

Bethlehem, PA
March 15, 2022

Members Present: Joe Bleier, Gina Brockway, Sandra Butch, Ron Dalla Piazza, Susan DeAngelis, Lou Dravec, Steve Granlund, Harmony Gubich, Bonnie Harper, Tracy Heberling, Buzz Heidecker, David Kolman, Nancy Kostas, Ron Laposa, Sharon Lintner, Donna Mackaravitz, Donna Musselman, Tina Piscitello, Kenda Riley, Tom Sarver, Tom Seifert, Maria Skrilec, Jon Terry, Linda Toltesi, Susan Vitez			
Members Excused: Jimmy Bleier, Matthew Bleier; Teryan Gerhard			
Members Absent: Brynn Anderson, Migdalia DeJesus, Josh Gulotta, Michel Lloyd, James Ritchie, Lois Ritchie, Mike Truchan			
Clergy/Staff members/Guests present: Pastor Suzanne Trump; Pastor Mike Button, Linda Maule; Catherine Ziel			
Topic	Discussion	Action	Resolution
<i>Call to Order</i>		@ 1902 by Gina Brockway (presider), David Kolman, & Tom Seifert	
<i>Opening Prayer</i>		Offered by Pastor Suzanne	
<i>Approval of Agenda</i>		Motion to approve made by: Sandy Butch 2 nd by: Sharon Lintner	Approved unanimously
<i>Approval of Minutes February 15, 2022</i>	As distributed	Motion to approve January minutes as distributed made by: Joe Bleier 2 nd by: Tom Seifert	Approved unanimously
<i>Treasurer's Updates</i>	LOC as submitted & reported by Catherine Ziel St. Peter's as submitted & reported by Joe Bleier St. John's Windish for January & February as submitted & reported by Maria Skrilec	Motion to approve submitted reports for the UPG & SJW made by: Donna Musselman 2 nd by: Bonnie Harper	Approved unanimously
<i>Staff Concerns</i>			
<i>Staff Reports</i>	Question arose as to whether or not there is anyone eligible for confirmation this year	Will need to check with Josh Gulotta	
<i>Issues from Staff Meeting</i>	None		
<i>Update on Transition Task Force Team</i>	Report as distributed: Voting process distributed by multiple media venues: letter to every member, email, web sites,	Wording of resolution cannot be changed at the time of the meeting when the vote is to occur	Only members who have made a contribution of record by March 13 are eligible to vote

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<p><i>Vote to Move Forward (with pursuit of some form of combining of the 3 congregations)</i></p>	<p>announcements by pastors after services</p> <p>Scheduled for Sunday, March 27, 2022 @ St. Peter's campus</p>	<p>Pastors have contacted the Synod & we do NOT need a rep to be present; however, there will be one (1) Synod representative on site during the vote</p> <p>There will be one (1) worship service that day @ 0930 with the vote to be held after that</p> <p>Each campus will retire to separate areas of the building in order to vote</p>	<p>Non-voting members will be segregated so they do not receive a ballot</p>
<p>Committee Reports</p>			
<p>LOC</p>	<p>None</p>		
<p>St. Peter's</p>	<p>None</p>		
<p>St. John's</p>	<p>None</p>		
<p>Joint GWOH & Stewards & Angels in Ministry</p>	<p>As distributed</p>		<p>Informational</p>
<p>Worship & Music Committee</p>	<p>None</p>		
<p>Tech Team</p>	<p>None</p>		
<p>Old Business</p>			
<p>COVID-19</p>	<p>Positive test results in Lehigh & Northampton counties both below 5% at this time</p>	<p>Will continue to monitor</p>	
<p>Outside Groups Using Building LOC</p> <p>St. Peter's</p>	<p>Request received from NA for ~35 people to use the social room on a weekly basis on Thursday</p>	<p>Motion to permit outside groups to again use the building made by: Tina Piscitello 2nd by: Bonnie Harper</p> <p>Motion to approve use of the Social Hall on Thursdays by NA, as well as using the New Ministry fund to fill</p>	<p>Approved unanimously by LOC members</p> <p>Approved unanimously by STP members</p>

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	Will donate \$20-\$40/month Will cost additional \$200/month to clean	the deficit between the donated amount & the cleaning cost (\$3000/year) made by: Joe Bleier 2 nd by: Tom Sarver	
<i>New Business</i>			
<i>Donation of \$100.00/campus to BIG (Bethlehem Interfaith Group)</i>	Donation is to officially join & support this group Very active group: Community Thanksgiving service, Blue Christmas service, solidary for Ukraine, plan faith crawl to different houses of worship	Motion to make a donation & support this group made by: David Kolman 2 nd by: Nancy Kostas	Approved unanimously
<i>Synod Assembly June 10-11, 2022</i>	In need of two (2) members/congregation to attend online assembly	LOC – STP - SJW - Sharon & Guy Lintner volunteered	Informational
<i>Key to STP</i>		Sandy Butch will be given key to STP so she can access the building to run the live-stream equipment	Informational
<i>Insurance Carrier Walk Thru</i>	On March 30, 2022 the insurance carrier will complete the annual walk -thru of the building		Informational
<i>April Joint Council Meeting</i>	Tuesday April 19, 2022 @ SJW	David Kolman presides	Informational
<i>Adjournment & Lord's Prayer</i>	@ 2012	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