

**UPG Parsh & St. John's Windish Lutheran Church
Joint Council Meeting
ZOOM conference**

**Bethlehem, PA
August 18, 2020**

Members present: Bonnie Harper, Donna Musselman, Nancy Kostas, Rich Hawk, Ron Dalla Piazza, Matthew Bleier, Lou Dravec, Cindy Kemp, Jon Terry, Gina Brockway, Jacquie Radtke, Harmony Gubich, Teryan Gerhard, Michel Lloyd, Ron Leposa, Mike Truchan, Lois Ritchie, Steve Granlund, Maria Skrilec, Sandy Vajda, Catherine Ziel, Tracy Heberling, Kathy Remaly, Tom Seifert

Members excused: Penny Weiss, Migdalia DeJesus

Members absent: Keith Young, James Ritchie, Donna Mackaravitz, Sandy Butch, Pam Royal, Louise Fielding, Buzz Heidecker

Staff members/guests present: Kenda Riley, Joe Bleier, Linda Maule

Topic	Discussion	Action	Resolution
<i>Call to Order</i>		@ 1900 by Rich Hawk, Nancy Kostas, & Gina Brockway	
<i>Council Worship</i>		Prayer offered by Pastor Jerry	
<i>Approval of Agenda</i>		Motion to approve made by: Donna Musselman 2 nd by: Ron Leposa	Approved unanimously
<i>Treasurer's Updates</i>	LOC as submitted & reported by Catherine Ziel St. John's Windish as reported by Maria Skrilec St. Peter's as submitted & reported by Joe Bleier		
<i>Indoor, In Person Worship for September 2020</i>	Discussion mostly leaned toward remaining outdoors for the time being Council members are aware of other local churches who have begun indoor services seemingly without issues Pastor Jerry is aware of three (3) local churches who have been affected by Covid-19 after indoor worship	Motion made to continue outdoor worship at least through the month of September 2020 made by: Donna Musselman 2 nd by: Jacquie Radtke	Approved unanimously
<i>Live-Stream Equipment</i>	Disbursement of live stream equipment costs to be taken from the ministry funds	Motion to take funds from ministry fund at both St. Peter's & LOC campuses Motion for St. Peter's made by	Approved unanimously

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		Cindy Kemp 2 nd by: Lois Ritchie Motion for LOC made by: Bonnie Harper 2 nd by: Ron Dalla Piazza	Approved unanimously
<i>Approval of Notes from IT Team</i>	Refer to distributed report Individual unit costs on the current report are incorrect; the correct amounts are: \$279.00 for a Samsung device with an 8" screen & \$459.00 for an iPad with a 10" screen Question was raised on the ability of users to handle the device; devices will be set up to be able to access the UPG website & live-stream services only Contract for cellular services for the devices is a month-to-month contract	Motion to purchase the Samsung devices made by: Lois Ritchie 2 nd by: Mike Truchan	Approved unanimously
<i>Bringing It Home Ministry</i>	Discussion of which account to use to cover this ministry	Motion to use funds from the ministry fund @ St. Peter's made by: Lois Ritchie 2 nd by: Harmony Gubich Motion to use funds from the ministry fund @ LOC made by: Mike Truchan 2 nd by: Lou Dravec St. John's Windish tabled discussion & vote to a previously scheduled meeting on Monday, August 24, 2020	Approved unanimously Approved unanimously
<i>Approval of Christian Ed Notes</i>	Refer to distributed report Suggestion made to change the time of the current in person	Motion to change outdoor worship time to 0900 beginning August 30 made by: Bonnie Harper	Approved unanimously

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	outdoor services from 0930 to 0900, beginning August 30, in order to accommodate in person Sunday church school	2 nd by: Jacquie Radtke	
<i>Recommendation for Christian Ed Team</i>	Refer to distributed report	Motion to approve in person outdoor Sunday church school beginning Sept. 20 @ 1030 on the LOC campus made by: Nancy Kostas 2 nd by: Cindy Kemp	Approved unanimously
<i>Transition Team Task Force Update</i>	Refer to distributed report Clarification requested to a paragraph on page 2		Pastor Jerry will make the clarification adjustment prior to distribution to the parish members
<i>New Business</i>			
<i>Power LV</i>	Faith-based Lehigh Valley group working on social issues: economic dignity, education justice, civic engagement, climate justice, & live free Seek a contribution commitment of ½ of 1% of a congregation's annual budget amount	Pastor Suzanne will present information to the God's Work, Our Hands committee	
<i>Pastor Garbe's retirement</i>	September 30, 2020 Previous discussion surrounded offering Pastor Garbe's current pay to Pastor Suzanne for taking on those duties \$500.00 gift for Pastor Garbe	Motion made to offer \$26,000.00 to St. John's Windish Lutheran Church to contract Pastor Suzanne for her time to the UPG Motion for each UPG campus (St. Peter's & LOC) to contribute \$250.00 each for a retirement gift for Pastor Garbe made by: Michel Lloyd 2 nd by: Jon Terry	Pastor Jerry will write a contract for those services, email to the council members, & an email vote will be taken Unanimously approved
<i>Adjournment</i>	@ 2008	Motion by: Teryan Gerhard 2 nd by: Catherine Ziel	Approved unanimously

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Next council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 15, 2020 @ 1900** via ZOOM

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