

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

Bethlehem, PA
September 15, 2020

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

Members excused: Penny Weiss

Members absent: Keith Young, Donna Mackaravitz, Louise Fielding, Sandy Vajda, Donna Mackaravitz

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

Topic	Discussion	Action	Resolution
<i>Call to Order</i>		@ 1900 by Rich Hawk (presider), Nancy Kostas, & Gina Brockway	
<i>Council Worship</i>		Prayer offered by Pastor Suzanne	
<i>Approval of Agenda</i>		Motion to approve made by: Donna Musselman 2 nd by: Sandy Butch	Approved unanimously
<i>Treasurer's Updates</i>	LOC as submitted & reported by Catherine Ziel Giving down approx. 4 ½% thru the end of August St. John's Windish as reported by Maria Skrilec St. Peter's as submitted & reported by Joe Bleier Will withdraw monies for Pastor Garbe, Bringing it Home, & Live Streaming equipment from the ministry fund	Motion to approve submitted reports for the UPG made by: Mike Truchan 2 nd by: Lou Dravitz	Approved unanimously
<i>Indoor, In Person Worship for October 2020</i>	Discussion surrounded current scientific evidence of virus transmittal & mitigation factors Suggestion made to have masks available for anyone who arrives for service without a mask or with a scientifically ineffective mask Suggestion made to NOT provide exemptions for medical non-	Motion to begin indoor, in person worship on October 4, 2020 made by: Lou Dravitz 2 nd by: Sandy Butch	Approved unanimously

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<i>Return of other ministries: i.e. AA, NA, Chinese Church, Spanish Church</i>	Much discussion surrounding use of buildings by outside groups as related to legal issues & virus transmittal issues Outside groups will need to be held to same restrictions used for indoor worship	Motion made to permit outside groups returning to the buildings to be delayed one (1) month, until Nov. 2020, before using the buildings by: Mike Truchan 2 nd by: Sandy Butch	Approved unanimously
<i>Request to use facilities for blanket ministry</i>	These are internal groups that would likely be <20 people These groups would also be required to follow the in person worship guidelines	Motion made to permit small internal groups to use the buildings by: Gina Brockway 2 nd by: Cindy Kemp	Approved unanimously
<i>Live-Stream Equipment Update</i>	Computer equipment here Awaiting camera equipment ordering to be completed; vendor has indicated that due to increased need these may be delayed		Informational
<i>Bringing It Home Ministry Update</i>	Devices should be in hand by Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020 Hope to begin home distribution of devices the 1 st week of October		Informational
<i>Transition Task Force Update</i>	Refer to distributed report		Informational
<i>Old Business</i>			
<i>GWOH</i>	Recommendation from committee to enter Power Lehigh Valley (refer to distributed report) Requesting ½ of 1% of annual budget to become a member & have voting rights in the group (to be included in the 2021 budget); requesting volunteers also Each campus would be looking	Motion made for each campus to contribute \$500.00 to Power Lehigh Valley & to review it again in 2021 for the 2022 budget by: Mike Truchan 2 nd by: Pam Royal	Approved unanimously

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	in the area of a \$12,000.00 donation; Pastor Suzanne believes the group would accept a lesser amount Walgreen's donated 3000 plastic bags for the plarn mat project		
<i>Pastoral Services Contract for Pastor Suzanne Trump</i>	Refer to distributed report	Motion made to approve the distributed contract by: Lou Dravitz 2 nd by: Michel Lloyd	Approved unanimously
<i>New Business</i>			
<i>2021 Budget & Election of Congregational Council Members</i>	Electronic meetings & votes are permissible unless a church's constitution expressly prohibits it Pastor Jerry suggested that the budgets be sent to the congregations, but that voting does not occur until an in person congregational meeting can be held That will also result in current expiring council member's terms being extended until a meeting can be held	Motion made by Pastor Jerry to delay congregational meetings scheduled for the end of 2020 until sometime in 2021 when it is deemed safe to hold a large congregational meeting. Due to the current pandemic constraints the current council members will remain on council until replacements can be elected & the budgets will be carried forward until such time as new budgets can be voted upon. 2 nd by: Ron Leposa	Approved unanimously
<i>Synodical Assembly</i> <i>Friday, Oct. 16 from 1800-2130</i> <i>Sunday, Oct. 18 from 1400 – 1600</i> <i>Friday Oct. 23 from 1900 – 2130</i> <i>Saturday, Oct. 24 from 0800</i>	Will be held via ZOOM Lay delegates needed from the UPG to attend Need one (1) male & one (1) female delegate from each congregation	Cindy Kemp & Joe Bleier from St. Peter's Nancy Kostas from LOC Sharon & Guy Litner from St. John's Windish	

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<i>until complete</i>			
<i>Adjournment & closing prayer by Pastor Jerry</i>	@ 2038	Motion by: Gina Brockway 2 nd by: Pam Royal	Approved unanimously
Next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 @ 1900 via ZOOM			

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