

Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran

Church Council Committee Meeting

April 23, 2023

Highlights

The Council met on April 23, 2023. In attendance were Pastor Sherrie Hofmann, Ann Davison, Winnie McDermott, Kate Isom, Julie Moomaw, and Elaine Bennett.

Council President Ann Davison shared plans for the May 21, 2023 congregational meeting following Sunday worship. The nominees put forward for Council are Ann Davison, Steve Stuart, and Elaine Bennett. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. The congregation will also be asked to approve extend the term of Farley Peetchatka as a trustee and to elect Ann Davison and Steve Stuart to join Pastor Hofmann as representatives for Prince of Peace at the Synod Assembly in June where a new bishop will be elected.

Council continued the review the proposed budget for 2023/2024 which had begun at an earlier March meeting presented by Dave Franz and Dean Miller representing the Finance Committee. Council voted to accept the proposed budget and present it to the Congregation for consideration during the May 21 meeting. (Note: [The proposed budget can be viewed here.](#))

A motion was made and approved to allow members in good standing to vote by email. Information will be sent in advance to anyone requesting information on how to participate electronically and shared via the weekly Update. (Note: [2023 Committee Reports can be viewed here.](#))

Council also discussed the new Open Doors Ministry which will begin Friday May 5 and occur every day from 9 am to 12 pm. The new ministry will be advertised in local newspapers and newsletters and through flyers, but individual invitations by church members are critical to success. A sign-up form and guide for volunteer hosts will be created and circulated.

Pastor shared that, while we are fortunate to have Karen Schmidt as our pianist, she cannot play every Sunday. Recognizing the importance of our music, we will be working to utilize all the recording capabilities of our new instrument and there may be some services when we do not have music available. Steve suggested alternatives to having no music including singing well-known hymns acapella, using tone chimes, guitar accompanist and simple piano keyboarding.

Farley Peechatka shared that Mountain Valley had inspected the HVAC system in the church and found no problems. While the system may continue to serve us for some time, at some point it will need replacement and those funds would likely come from the Capital Funds account.

Steve Stuart has volunteered to lead this year's Stewardship campaign which will kick off shortly after the congregational meeting.

The Council will convene next immediately following the Congregational Meeting to elect officers for the coming year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.