

**Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran**

**Church Council Committee Meeting**

**June 27, 2023**

**Highlights**

The Council met on June 27, 2023. In attendance were Pastor Sherrie Hofmann, President Ann Davison, Vice President Kate Isom, Secretary Winnie McDermott, Steve Stuart, and Elaine Bennett.

After approving minutes from our May meeting in which the above officers were elected, Council President Ann Davison nominated Dean Miller to Council, noting this will ensure that there is a representative of the Finance Committee on Council. The nomination was approved, and he will be considered by the full Congregation in the next congregational meeting.

Ann noted that she, Pastor Hofmann, and the Mutual Ministry committee have been discussing the motion approved at the May Congregational meeting to explore shared/part time pastor arrangements in response to budget concerns. It was agreed to postpone this discussion until the next Council meeting when more information could be collected and shared, and the discussion could occur in the context of a larger discussion about a long-term financial sustainability plan. The council will reconvene the congregation to report back on recommendations before the end of the calendar year.

The council voted to renew the terms of Kate Isom and Cathy Street on the Good Samaritan Committee and to add Joe Battaglia to the Committee.

Council held a discussion on making the sanctuary more accessible informed by research and recommendations by Kate Isom and Farley Peechatka. A motion was made and approved to move forward by removing two pews (one front row and one back row) to be replaced with space for wheelchairs and accompanying chairs upholstered in a color very similar to the existing pews at a cost of about \$900. The removed pews will be made available for purchase to church members and the public.

Council asked the Finance Committee to recommend where this expense should be bookkept. We also asked the Finance Committee to explore the purchase of a new copier and recommend options.