

**Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran  
Church Council Committee Meeting  
March 21, 2024  
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm. In attendance were Ann Davison, Pastor Sherrie Hofmann, Kate Isom, Winnie McDermott, and Elaine Bennett. Minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Committee reports included the following:

- Finance and Property will meet on April 5 and begin preparations for the annual congregation meeting.
- The Nominating committee is considering candidates for Council and will have some discussions with potential candidates before our next meeting.
- The Music and Worship committee are busily preparing for Holy Week as well as for Peter Dieck's funeral service. Midweek Lent services in which we explored Luther's Small Catechism and shared a light supper were well-attended. We continue to need to find additional musicians to support Sunday worship services. Bible Study will take a hiatus during the month of April with many expected absences from the core group of participants. There is a need to revisit timing, format, and content for Bible Study/Christian Education once we've completed the current series of study guides.

Council then turned to a detailed review focused on a review of work produced by the Governance/Constitution Review Working Group. This working group, made up of Ann, Winnie, Kate, Scott and Pastor, met at the church on March 9. They familiarized themselves with the process for review and update prescribed by the Synod and spent the morning reviewing the updated sample Constitution from Synod. The team learned that there are certain elements that must be in our Constitution and there are certain areas where we have latitude to tailor a document that reflects our needs and concerns.

The differences between the [ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations](#) and the [current Prince-of-Peace constitution \(dated 2014\)](#) were carefully explored. The task force produced a draft Prince of Peace Constitution for the congregation to consider at the annual meeting in May.

During this Council meeting, Ann reviewed the recommended changes in the proposed document from the Task Force. Two additional changes were discussed during this meeting.

- Adding a Stewardship/Evangelism Committee to our list of committees.
- Limiting the number of consecutive years a member of the Nominating Committee can serve to two.

Ann moved that the recommended changes from the Governance taskforce be shared with the congregation for review and comment and be placed on the agenda for the annual congregational meeting. The motion was agreed to. The explanation of the proposed changes are on the church website and can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

Council set the date for the annual meeting as **May 19, 2024**. Winnie and Ann will collect and prepare committee reports.

Pastor and Ann are in conversation with Pastor Liz Radtke of the Synod about holding a communications workshop and will revert back to suggest a date. The next Council meeting is April 25 at 5:00 pm.