

Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Committee Meeting

October 25, 2022

Highlights

Council met virtual with Pastor Sherrie Hofmann, President Ann Davison, Vice President Julie Moomaw, Secretary Winnie McDermott, Kate Isom, and Rich Armell present.

Ann opened the meeting sharing that Sean Nouvel had resigned from Council and notified her that he would be stepping back from church participation as well. Joys and concerns were shared about the health of the congregation, and the addition of new members was celebrated. Our new Prince of Peace members include Elaine Bennett, Dean Miller, Steve Stuart, Karen Schmidt, Joe Bataggia, Joanne Bataggia, and Scott Hofmann. Ann encouraged Council members to welcome these new members and encourage their involvement in Church activities.

Current and anticipated Council vacancies were discussed. Ann will check the term dates for current Council members and share that information following the meeting.

Pastor shared information on upcoming activities and special services including:

- Sunday, October 30 – All Saints Day focus during morning worship.
- Friday, November 11 – Veterans Day service
- Wednesday, November 16 – November's Forward in Faith will focus on planning for death and for funerals.
- Wednesday, December 21 – December's Forward in Faith will focus on "Blue Christmas."

Ann reported we have advertisements for these special services in the Mountain Courier and in Northern Virginia Daily's Special Veterans edition.

On behalf of the Worship and Music Committee, Julie reported on current issues securing consistent accompanists for worship. The seasonal choir idea is currently on hold until we can secure a more permanent accompanist.

Pastor shared that the schedule and location for Bible Study continues to be a subject of discussion.

The Council agreed on the need to establish a Nominating Committee. Suggested Committee members include Farley Peechatka, Rich Armell and Kate Isom. The Committee will be charged with recruiting two or three new Council Members to be appointed by the Council pending May congregational elections.

Pastor noted we also need to nominate two Delegates for Synod Assembly that will meet in Roanoke in June. They will be charged with voting for a new Bishop along with voting on several resolutions and memorials. June assembly activities will run from the evening of June 9 through midday on the 11th. The Council agreed that delegate expenses should be covered by the church. This should be a line item in our budget.

Council members reviewed the final funeral policy drafts for both members and non-members prior to the meeting. Following minor edits, the documents were approved by the Council.

The next Council meeting was scheduled for November 22.