

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting
January 16, 2025, 6:30pm

Present by zoom: Bill Schmidt, Kim Reid, Greg Loberg, Ginger Walker, Van Kellogg, Brian Grubbs, Dan Lobejko, Jeff Palm, and Nicole Harris

Not present: Jared Steinberg

Ex-officio: Pastor Valerie Brown-Greenly

Call to Order: The zoom meeting was called to order by President Bill Schmidt.

Prayer by Pastor Valerie Brown-Greenly.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the December 12, 2024, meeting were reviewed online. Van moved to approve the minutes, Brian seconded, motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

Christmas worship services went well.

The congregation has been incredibly generous in providing food for the Christmas baskets and the ongoing heavy usage of our food shelf by the community.

Pray for Todd Fox and his family.

Pastor Val has been meeting with an intern who will likely be joining us in June.

Our web pages are extremely complicated to keep current. Different software is being researched to make our site more user friendly and easier to update.

A small amount of money donated to the Outlot A Garden Project remains in the budget. Because the Outlot A land has been sold, this money will be moved to the Labyrinth Garden Planting Project.

Bethlehem Church is closing on January 26. Pastor Van and her family will attend the ceremony because she was a former pastor of that congregation.

A Liberian Church will be joining us beginning February 16. They will use the sanctuary for their worship services from noon to 2:00 pm on Sundays when Peace does not have another function in that space. They will also rent an office space in our building.

Linda Bederman-Hink's retirement party will take place on Sunday, February 9, between the worship service and the Annual Meeting.

Many thanks to Bill and Greg for their work on the congregational letter defining the Constitutional and Bylaw suggested changes.

President's Report:

Focus in the past month has been on writing the President's Annual Report and the mailing to the congregation concerning recommended changes to the Constitution and Bylaws as well as preparing for the upcoming Annual Meeting in February.

Treasurer's Report by Greg Loberg:

Reviewed the proposed PLC 2025 Mission & Ministry Budget and the Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2024 on screen.

Van moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Dan seconded, motion passed.

Van moved and Dan seconded that the PLC Council recommend to the congregation to accept the proposed 2025 budget as presented. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Discussion about having a full ballot for all openings on the church council and other committees before the annual meeting. Pastor Val made a number of suggestions for people from the congregation who may be willing to serve. She also suggested we send 2 (instead of 4) delegates to the Minneapolis Area Synod Conference Assembly in 2025 because it is expensive and no big issues are foreseen.

Upcoming Dates:

Next Council Meeting will be by zoom on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

Greg moved to adjourn, seconded by Van, motion passed.

The Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginger Walker, Secretary