

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting
January 22, 2026, 6:30 pm

Present by zoom: Bill Schmidt, Kim Reid, Greg Loberg, Ginger Walker, Brian Grubbs, Mary Steege, Nicole Harris, Lisa Nelson, and Jared Steinberg

Not Present: Dan Lobejko

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 11, 2025, meeting were reviewed online. Mary moved to accept the minutes, Greg seconded, motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

Three funerals were held during the past month.

Christmas services were well attended.

Bob Johnson passed away. He was a long-time, generous member of Peace.

The pancake breakfast benefitting Blood Cancers will be held on Sat., January 24.

Pastor contacted both of the Mosques as well as the Liberian Church associated with our church to ask if they have any needs during the current situation in MN. As of now, all are doing OK.

Annual reports are coming in and being prepared for the upcoming Annual Meeting.

Several members have serious health issues, especially Sue Ehrenberg and Gary Melby.

Many thanks to the Finance Team for their work on preparing the 2026 proposed budget.

President's Report:

Bill has been working with Julie, Greg, and others preparing for the annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Reviewed the Statement of Activities December 2025 and the Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2025 on screen. Nicole moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jared seconded, motion passed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Greg made a motion for Peace Lutheran Church to designate \$45,000 of Pastor Valerie Brown-Greenly's annual compensation as housing allowance in accordance with IRA regulations. This allowance shall apply to expenses related to providing a home and shall remain in effect unless modified by the Church Council. Nicole seconded, motion passed.

Reviewed the proposed 2026 Endowment Fund Budget on screen. Mary moved and Lisa seconded that the PLC Council recommend to the congregation to accept the proposed 2026 budget as presented. Motion passed.

Reviewed the proposed PLC Preschool 2025/26 Budget. Lisa moved and Kim seconded that the PLC Council recommend to the congregation to accept the proposed 2025/26 budget as presented. Motion passed.

Reviewed the proposed PLC 2026 Mission & Ministry Budget. Nicole moved and Mary seconded that the PLC Council recommend to the congregation to accept the proposed 2026 budget as presented. Motion passed.

Discussed the need to have a full ballot for all openings on the church council and other committees before the annual meeting.

Upcoming Dates:

Annual Meeting – Sunday, February 8, 2026

March Council Meeting – Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 6:30 pm by zoom.

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

The Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginger Walker, Secretary