

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
November 14, 2024, 6:30pm

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

Not present: Jeff Palm, Dan Lobejko, and 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 October 24, 2024, meeting were reviewed online. Van moved to approve the minutes, Greg seconded, motion passed.

Greg brought to our attention that the Minutes from the September 12, 2024 council meeting need to be corrected. Greg moved that the words "Men of Peace" be replaced by "Dedicated account 9070.01 - Saving the Cross" in the first paragraph under New Business and the words "Women of Peace" be replaced by "Dedicated account - 9630 - Church Building Landscaping" in the second paragraph under New Business. Van seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

October is Pastor Appreciation month. Congratulations, Pastor Val, for being recognized on KTIS radio on the Pastor's Appreciation Board.

Trychia's 20th year celebration went well.

Trunk or Treat next year will need more cars participating if held in the parking lot.

Thanksgiving baskets will be distributed on Nov. 26 and Christmas baskets will be distributed on Dec. 16. This is a very short time frame to do all the work necessary.

Christmas Eve services this year will be at 10:00am, 1:00pm, and 4:00pm.

Chantel Branker will be leaving Peace to serve in a church closer to her home.

A Newsletter will be mailed next week.

Currently, several autism groups, a 4H woodcarving group, and the Boy Scouts meet in our facility. Our building is also being considered as a place where Moms and Dads can visit their children in a neutral, monitored setting.

Livestream issues are being addressed and will be resolved before the holidays.

Job descriptions are being updated to more accurately depict duties of church personnel.

President's Report:

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 9, 2025.

Thank you to Greg for reviewing the Peace Constitution and ByLaws.

Trychia was given a gift certificate to Bluefin Bay in appreciation of her 20 years of service to PLC.

Treasurer's Report by Greg Loberg:

Reviewed the Treasurer's Report October 2024 - Revision 1 document on screen.

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

Old Business:

Discussion about further possible revisions to the PLC Constitution and Bylaws to be recommended to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on Feb. 9, 2025. These recommendations would need to be made known to the congregation at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting so they can be voted on at that time.

**Recommendation of Constitution Change:**

The Peace Community Garden Board was established June 11, 2015, as a Constitution Continuing Resolution. The Outlot A (garden) was sold with a closing date of April 29, 2024. Therefore, there is no garden to oversee.

Bill made the following motion:

Amendment Proposal: Remove the Continuing Resolution that established the Peace Lutheran Church Community Garden Board.

Recommendation: The Peace Lutheran Church Council recommends to the congregation that the Church Community Garden Board be dissolved and this amendment be approved.

Van seconded; motion passed.

**Recommendation of Bylaw Changes:**

In Part VIII of the Bylaws "Eligibility and Duties of Officers and Other Elected Leaders," a person is not eligible to serve on the Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer), be a Council Member At-Large, or serve on either the Audit or Nominating Committee if their spouse is a member of the Endowment Fund Board or the Finance Committee.

This condition is too restrictive.

Van made the following motion:

Amendment Proposal: Remove the words "**Endowment Fund Board, Finance Committee, or**" from the following subsections of Bylaws Part VIII:

*Executive Committee of the Congregation Council*

1.B.3) President

2.B.3) Vice President

3.B.3) Secretary

4.C.3) Treasurer

*Council Members At-Large*

1.B.3)

*Other Elected Leaders*

2.B.3) Nominating Committee

3.B.3) Audit Committee

Recommendation: The Peace Lutheran Church Council recommends to the congregation this amendment be approved.

Greg seconded; motion passed.

**New Business:**

Several checks were rejected by the bank because they were not written specifically to "Peace Lutheran Church." Spread the word to anyone accepting/writing checks that they need to be written to Peace Lutheran so they can be easily cashed.

**Upcoming Dates:**

Next Council Meeting will be by zoom on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 6:30 pm.

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

The Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ginger Walker, Secretary  
Greg Loberg, Treasurer