

**MINUTES OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Through Zoom, on Tuesday, February 15th, 2022 at 7:05 pm**

Vision Statement: *Peace Lutheran Church is a welcoming, worshipping and witnessing community in Jesus Christ through whom healing, wellness, love and peace are offered unconditionally to all.*

Mission Statement: *Celebrating and Sharing God's Love for All.*

ATTENDANCE: Ina Toso (Co-chair), Janet Van der Wees (Co-chair), Fiona Haapalehto (Secretary), Mike Balzer, Tapio Haapalehto, Pastor Ronnie, Jeremy West and Gloria Zorn

Guest: Sunny Wishart

1. **Call to Order:** Janet Van der Wees called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. **Opening:** Ina Toso did the opening devotion. Gloria Zorn will do it in March.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** moved by Gloria, seconded by Tapio:

THAT the agenda for Tuesday, February 15, 2022, as amended, be approved. CARRIED

4. **Approval of the Previous Minutes:**

Moved by Tapio, seconded by Mike:

THAT the Minutes of the Church Council Meeting held on January 25, 2022 be approved. Discussion: None CARRIED.

Moved by Gloria, seconded by Ina:

THAT the Minutes of the Church Council Nominating Meeting held on February 6, 2022 be approved. Discussion: None CARRIED.

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

Moved by Tapio, seconded by Jeremy:

THAT the GIC expiring later this month be renewed for 1 year. Discussion: None CARRIED

Sunny reported that the 2021 surplus has been moved to Capital Projects, the Canada Revenue filing has been done, Sunny needs to send a revised List of Directors to Canada Revenue and Sunny will follow up to get birthdates, etc. We need to schedule a date to update the Signatures for the bank. Sunny will contact Ina and Fiona to find a mutually agreeable date.

Moved by Gloria, seconded by Ina:

THAT the Treasurer's Report be approved. Discussion: None CARRIED

Ina asked Sunny that information be sent to both her and Jan as Co-Chairs.

Sunny left the Zoom Council meeting at 7:20 pm.

6. **New Business:**

- a. **Roles of the Co-Chairs:** A discussion was held prior to our first meeting and the Co-Chairs agreed on the following split of responsibilities:

- i. Janet will do the monthly Agendas
- ii. Both will do the regular meetings with Pastor Ronnie
- iii. Both will direct Sunny

- iv. Jan will do liaison with Rosie for the Newsletter
 - v. Jan will check correspondence
 - vi. Ina will run any congregational Zoom meetings
- b. **Installation of Council:** This has been scheduled for March 6 in the church with a backup date of March 13.
- c. **March 10th Concert – allocation of free will offering**
 Moved by Tapio, seconded by Mike:
THAT the free will offering from the March 10th Concert be directed to the Olive Branch for Children. Discussion: Tapio mentioned that Olive Branch is important to the Lantzsch family. Ronnie mentioned that Vanessa asked that the monies go to the church as opposed to an outside agency like the Foodbank. CARRIED
- d. **New Provincial Guidelines re: COVID precautions**
 As of March 1 the provincial government has stipulated that we could dispense with requiring proof of vaccination for in-person services. Ronnie suggests we ask how the members feel about this. Jan will speak to Kateryna and together they will draft an email to the membership to give them a chance to voice their opinions. The email will also include the inclusion the reintroduction of singing and communion.
 The decision will be published in the March newsletter.
- e. **Future Zoom Council meetings**
 The March meeting will be over Zoom and we will decide then whether to move to in-person and /or hybrid meetings. Ronnie is feeling the need to bring people together again.

7. Old Business:

a. Constitutional Changes – Meeting Dates

Fiona explained the history of the need to have an information meeting and congregational meetings to vote on the new Constitution.

Tapio asked if there is a need to modify the document if we keep the model of co-chairs? Fiona will call Wendell Grahlman at the Synod office for input on this subject.

The date for the first meeting must be 30 days from the date of distribution. The document will go out to the membership this Thursday. Ina will draft an email for Kateryna to send out. The first meeting & vote is scheduled for March 27 and the second meeting and vote for May 1. These meetings will be in-person at 12:00pm.

Fiona will send the relevant documentation to get Mike up to date. Other members of Council should still have their copies from the October Council meeting.

b. Prayers for the People

Pastor Ronnie shared the current prayer requests.

c. Correspondence

Pastor Ronnie reported that Ron Mueller is leaving the congregation. He has found a new church.

d. Glenn Rittinger acknowledgement

There had been some discussion about preparing a tribute for Glenn and all his contributions to Peace. Ronnie suggested we do a tribute video.

Tapio asked whether Glenn has requested a membership transfer. We can transfer him to be on the friend list. Ronnie will contact Glenn and request that his new congregation send a request for transfer. Glenn is still in touch with the intercessory prayer group.

8. **Reports:** Jan requested verbal reports for the following committees/activities. We agreed that we are up to date on most committees/activities since the AGM was held so recently.

a. Property

Tapio reported that Jeremy is still doing property inspections. There are no other items to report.

b. Health Cabinet: no report

c. Worship & Arts: no report

d. Mutual Ministry: no report

e. Congregational Life

Gloria asked if there will be an Easter breakfast this year. We agreed this will be a tentative “Yes” and Jan will add to the March meeting agenda under New Business.

f. Pastor Ronnie: no report

9. **Closing Prayer:** Ina did the closing prayer.

10. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Next Council Meeting – **Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom**