

**SOLOMON'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATION COUNCIL
February 14, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Aldrich, Linda Berberich, Kathy Bowen, Ron Coldsmith, Wayne Dale, Carole Darr, Phil Johnson (via Zoom), Sam Mull, Wayne Norman, Frances Reichard, Larry Socks, Pastor Barb Barry

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Guest: Margie Dale and Pastor Beth Martini, Assistant to the Bishop, Lower Susquehanna Synod (via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by council president Ron Coldsmith.

Devotions were led by Pastor Barb.

Discussion on Call Process: Pastor Beth Martini gave an overview of the call process and answered questions from council members.

REPORT OF THE PASTOR:

- **See attached report**
- Will be the Interim Pastor until a new pastor is called.
- Pastor would like to discuss creating a shorter catchy phrase to explain Solomon's Mission Statement. More to be discussed at next meeting.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY:

The January 10th, 2022, council minutes were unanimously approved upon a Frances Reichard/Wayne Dale motion.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report was accepted with unanimous approval upon a Carole Darr/Kathy Bowen motion.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Call Committee – The following members of the congregation were selected to be on the call committee: Rebekah Aldrich, Bonney Coldsmith, Margie Dale, Phil Johnson, Peggi Norman, Earl (Sarge) Weaver. Linda Berberich was selected to be the alternate. Upon a Frances Reichard/Linda Berberich motion and with unanimous approval the call committee was approved.

Council members needed – There is still one vacancy on council that needs to be filled. Will continue to search for someone willing to fill the vacancy.

Congregation Meeting –

- Scheduled for February 20th immediately following the church service.
- Pastor Barb will send an email to the congregation to determine if any member would like to attend the meeting via Zoom.
- Upon a Sam Mull/Frances Reichard motion the Annual Report was approved with corrections to page 2 of the report listing the council members and year their current term expires. Unanimous approval.

Update Bank Records – Completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Minutes - Discussed placing approved council minutes on the church's website and in the monthly newsletter. It was decided that Kimberly will upload the minutes to the website and will add a link in the newsletter for the minutes.

Church Sign - Question was asked about adding Pastor Barb's name to the church sign. Rich McEntire will be asked at the next property committee meeting.

Water Treatment System – After an inspection by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) we were cited for not having a purification system in the sacristy. To be in compliance, an Ultraviolet Sterilizer is required. Kneppers Kleen Water submitted an estimate to install the sterilizer for a total of \$2,760.00. The property committee only received the one estimate since Kneppers Kleen Water is who provides all other services for Solomon's. Upon a Linda Berberich/Larry Socks motion and unanimous approval the cost of the sterilizer will be deducted from the Major Maintenance Account.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Education Committee – Children's Sunday School during church is working well.

Finance Committee – A mistake was made to the 90-day Bridge Pastor Contract by the synod representative which was discovered after the forms had been signed and submitted. Since the mistake was made by the synod representative, the synod will pay the difference for the 90-day period.

Worship and Music Committee –

- Due to the current cost of the altar flowers and because individuals donating the flowers have been disappointed with the arrangements an alternative using silk flowers is being checked into. More discussion at the next W&M committee meeting.
- There will be 2 services, 11:00 am and 7:30 pm offered on Ash Wednesday.
- The live streaming of the church service has had some quality issues. Will continue to work to improve the live stream.

Upon a Barbara Aldrich/Carole Darr motion and with unanimous approval all submitted committee reports were accepted.

Following "The Lord's Prayer," the meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

The next council meeting will be held Monday, March 14, 2022, at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Norman,
Council Secretary

ALL COUNCIL MINUTES PENDING APPROVAL AT NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.