

Allegheny Synod - ELCA
Synod Council Meeting
September 23, 2023

The meeting is called to order by Vice President Ann Ferry at 9:04am

Upon motion by Michele Peese, seconded by Joyce Long

- **SC23.09.01** - to adopt the agenda for today's meeting... the motion is adopted

Upon motion by Andrea Paul, seconded by Tim Albright

- **SC23.09.02** - to adopt the minutes of the July 2023 Synod Council meeting as presented... the motion is adopted

Treasurers Report

Summary Financial Position

- Bottom line operational deficit has grown to \$27,000 thru July, due to
 - A one-time \$10,000 gift to PSU Campus Ministry (from reserve balance)
 - A significant drop in Mission Support from the Congregations
- Balance Sheet
 - \$1.7 million in investment portfolio

Financial Management

- The annual audit with Beer Ream is scheduled for October 10th
- The search is underway for a new Synod Treasurer
- Shared DEM
 - initial candidate interviews have begun
 - the financial details are a work in progress
 - the two synods will share funding for social security coverage

Leadership & Congregational Support/Development

Upon motion by Pr. Ralph Hamer, seconded by Joyce Long

- **SC23.09.03** – that the Rev. Jamie Olson be granted *On Leave from Call* status, effective August 27, 2023... the motion is adopted

The next Synod Council meeting is scheduled for Saturday – November 18, 2023

Vice President Ann Ferry adjourned the meeting at 11:00am

Synod Council members in attendance... 13 of 14

- Executive Committee (*1-ordained, 4-lay*)
 - Bishop Paula Schmitt - present
 - VP Ann Ferry - present
 - Secretary Dave Finney – present
 - Interim Treasurer Bill Layton – present
 - Gary Gable – absent
- Council Members (*5-ordained, 4-lay*)
 - Timothy Albright - present
 - Pr. Ralph Hamer – present
 - Pr. Nancy Hoover - present
 - Pr. Rebecca Horn – present (from her car @ scout camp)
 - Pr. Marty Jo Irvin-Stellabotte - present
 - Joyce Long – present
 - Pr. Amanda McCaffery - present
 - Andrea Paul – present
 - Michele Peese – present
- Synod Staff
 - Assistant to the Bishop Pr. Kevin Shock – present
- Guests