

The meeting approved the amended agenda and elected Carla as President, Aaron as Vice President, and Diane as Secretary. The council discussed the New River Valley family sheltering situation.

The Von Bora House committee members requested that the church council clarify the committee's goals. The church council engaged in a lengthy discussion, including repairs, the original desire to obtain the property, and opinions among church members. The committee asked for approval to gather more details regarding the needs of the house. The council agreed that the committee should have more information to share with the congregation so the congregation has as much information as possible before asking for a vote. The council advises the committee to develop what plans and details are needed about other potential options to help inform the congregation for a final decision.

Phil Jordan presented the report from the Social Ministry meeting. The Social Ministry committee has decided there was a need to spread donations out over more than one month in order for some change-for-change recipients to have a more significant collection. In the Pastors' Reports, it was highlighted that Pastor Bryan is saving the church money by transitioning the church office to Microsoft Teams. There can be added benefits like ease of use for video meetings.

Roof and loan updates were discussed. While the loan has not been closed yet, all paperwork has been completed. The work on the roof has had to be delayed due to weather, but that should resume when the weather warms. A motion was passed for approval of the cost of completing the Bell Tower with the current roof repair project (an additional \$8900).

A motion passed that a code box be installed for the Little Hokie Hangout entrance of the church. This will increase security and allow for ease of use for the teachers who work there.

A motion was passed to allow Amy Cowan to attend the continuing education opportunity this summer for up to \$1000.

In addition to council convener assignments being made for 2025, several Spring plans were announced. Plans for a 140th Anniversary Committee were discussed. Plans for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper were reviewed. Convenors were reminded to return annual reports to Marcia by February 28.

Respectfully Yours,

Carla Liversedge