

# January 2025 Council Meeting

Council officers were elected for 2025. Diane Catley will serve as secretary; Aaron Conklin will serve as vice-president; and Carla Liversedge will serve as president. Jan Buss presented the minutes from the Von Bora House committee. Von Bora House committee members requested that council clarify if the goal was retaining or selling the property. The committee asked for approval to gather more details regarding the needs of the house. Council agreed that the committee should have more information in order to share with the congregation so the congregation has as much information as possible before asking for a vote. 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 larger collection. In the Pastors' Reports, it was highlighted that Pastor Bryan is saving the church money by transitioning to 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 weather warms. Several motions were made, seconded, discussed and voted on during the meeting.

These included:

- A motion was passed that Council advises the committee that the goal is to sell the property by developing plans and details needed about other potential options to help inform the congregation.
- 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 for approval of the cost of completing the Bell Tower with the current roof repair project (additional \$8900).
- A motion was passed to allow Amy Cowan to go and attend the continuing education opportunity this summer for to \$1000.

Council conveners were discussed, and assignments were made for 2025. Plans for a 100th 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.