



Council Meeting Minutes

September 12 (Saturday), 2020, 3:00 via Zoom

Next meeting: Saturday, October 10, 3:00 via Zoom

“To worship God as an intergenerational praying community, learning God’s Word, and building lasting relationships as we grow in God’s love and grace.”

Members Present: Wendy Szczepanski, Rose Anderson, Miriam Flysjo, Craig Loen, Becky Hulden, Pastor Dwight Rudquist **Members Absent : none**

A. Opening Devotions - Wendy. Next month Pastor Dwight

B. Sharing Story - Craig, Wendy, Miriam, Pastor Dwight

C. Election of Officers-

Craig motioned for a consensus ballot to have the current officers continue in their offices: President Wendy Szczepanski, Vice President Craig Loen, Secretary Miriam Flysjo and Treasurer Becky Hulden. Rose seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

D. Pastor’s Report- Pastor Dwight

Pastor Dwight is working on developing a mission exploration team to work through the process of calling a pastor. We need to determine the gifts and needs of the congregation. The mission exploration team will be working through the synod process. It has been slow going because of Covid19.

Pastor said worship online and outdoors has been going well. He is thankful for all the support given to produce both services.

Pastor Dwight has contacted the confirmation class about virtual meetings on Zoom. He plans to contact the youth but realizes it is a difficult situation because they don’t really know him. Rose volunteered to help make the contact since she has worked with the youth.

E. Treasurer’s Report – Becky

July and August brought in quite a bit of money for the steeple fund. In order to meet our budget we need to take in \$9500 monthly. We fell short in July and made it in August. We used the loan money to pay salaries so money in the special checking account should be moved to the general checking account.

Angie should record time between two positions: ministry coordinator and online worship coordinator. Since the budget wasn’t passed until August, the change was retroactive. Angie was not informed to record her time differently so she will be asked to make the change in reporting moving forward.

F. Outdoor services, should we check out borrowing tents to accommodate worship during rain?

A parishioner asked about borrowing tents so we could have our outdoor service in the rain. The council decided not to borrow tents because the moisture could damage the electrical sound system and electric piano. In addition, it would be difficult to maintain social distancing with tents. We discussed holding the worship service in the back parking lot since the grass is so wet. Pastor Dwight will meet with the task force group about recommendations for further outdoor worship. Perhaps move the service later so it will be warmer. Michilu churches are thinking about how to do joint advent activities online.

G. Next Steeple Fundraiser-

Possibly October 4. Angie, Jason, Don and Jerry are planning breakfast to go- a breakfast sandwich packed into a bag. Maybe people could pre-order the kind of sandwich and maybe indicate when they are coming to pick it up. The breakfast bags could be handed out the window. Council supports this fundraiser.

H. Transition

Pastor Dwight received an email from Krista Lind saying that Trinity Church would like to discuss a shared ministry. They are looking to hire a part time associate pastor so we could hire a part time pastor. We don't know what a shared ministry would look like but it is worth pursuing. We might have to make some compromises. As mentioned in his report, Pastor Dwight will be forming a mission exploration team to determine our needs and how to move forward.

I. Motion to adjourn by Miriam, second Rose.