

COUNCIL MEETING

February 9, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

Lynn called a meeting to order at 5:28.

PRESENT: Lynn, Dave, Deb, Pastor Jim, Jane, Beth, Linda. Frank and Stacey had been excused.

NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS: none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made to approve the agenda as printed Dave/Beth MSC.

DEVOTION: Pastor Jim read Psalm 147. It reminds us to praise God for everything including the weather. The polar vortex kills mites that endanger the moose population, so there is good even in this extreme cold.

PROPERTY: Dave – He has been checking on the furnace and thermostats to be sure that we do not have a problem during this cold period.

He has been waiting for a part that is needed to fix the door to the handicap stall in the women's bathroom.

CYFED: Linda- Middle School Gathering will be at the church this coming Saturday. Wendy and Robbi will be the adults present. They are expecting four students in person and two will receive the videos that are provided by the Synod. JoAnn will pick up prepared lunch from the Magnolia Cafe.

JoAnn will be sending out valentines for the three through six graders.

Early bird special for registration for summer camp ends on February 15. Chris Mitchell is still our representative for VLM.

Lent mentoring begins February 17, Ash Wednesday. Wendy will make calls to those involved and materials will be provided to be picked up at the church for the mentees and mentors. Those meeting at church will follow Covid guidelines and there will be two adults present. Some of the discussions may be done by phone.

Communion class starts in March and hopefully it will be done in person using videos.

We are hoping to send some type of a gift bag to those congregation members who graduated from high school within the last 2 to 3 years. We don't have any formal Faith Formation programming for them at this time but want to let them know that we continue to think and pray for them.

We are hoping to be able to take some of the youth to a movie that would be part of their Faith Formation.

Deb mentioned that Premier Theatre has an offer to rent a room to private groups to watch a DVD. Linda will be checking into this.

WORSHIP: Lynn- We had an average of 18 people for In Person Service in January and 155 online. We had a baptism on January 31.

Pastor Jim will be in person the second and the fourth Sunday of March, April, and May. Mid-week Lenten Service- no In Person, Joel will do an online service.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion was made to accept the Secretary's Report as printed Jim/Deb MSC.

Correspondence - Linda reported that we received a thank you from the staff at the Interfaith Care Center for the gift bags that were given to them at Christmas using Thrivent Action Cards.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed Pastor Jim/Deb MSC.

Nita had explained that because there is no approved budget yet there was no budget column on the statement. The proposed budget needs to be voted on at the annual meeting. Lynn will have Nita use the proposed budget for the budget column on the next statement.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Jim stated that there are two students in confirmation. April 25 will be a confirmation Sunday.

Bobbie will be gone from the office Tuesday Feb 23rd through March 5 and plans to have the newsletter out next week.

Pastor Jim will contact the people that were coming to Friday Bible Study and let them know it will resume in March. He will also review Covid policy with them.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: 2021 Budget meeting- Lynn, Stacey, and Linda met to work on the budget. It was decided to add a line item of Worship Support Team. At this time it would be used for the

stipend that we give to Joel and Christy.

THANK YOU:

NEXT MEETING: March 9, 2021

Deb stated that she will be gone at that time.

EXECUTIVE MEETING: March 2, via email

DEVOTION: Pastor Jim

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made at 6:00 to adjourn the meeting Dave/Deb MSC.

THE LORD'S PRAYER