

## Dawson Covenant Church Council Minutes

Tues, March 16, 2021

1. The meeting was called to order by Luanne Fondell at 7pm with Luanne opening in prayer.
2. Those present included John Lee, John Sather, Gary Goplen, Andy Greiner, Ashley Tensen, Duane Haugen, Steven Diaz, Kayla Koch, Luanne Fondell, Pastor Tyler Menssen and Joyce Busiahn.
3. The minutes from the February meeting were approved as presented.
4. Pastor's Report: Pastor Tyler reported that church attendance has increased both online and in-person. A memorial service for Evelyn Hanson will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Adult Sunday School will resume April 11<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Tyler leading a study entitled "Thriving in Babylon." Peggy Crosby has been asked to lead a prayer group. Tyler has met with Brandon regarding order of service and music for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday & Easter. Communion will be offered on Maundy Thursday. Sunday school children are encouraged to enter the sanctuary on Palm Sunday waving palms. There will be 2 services on Easter Sunday, 8 a.m. & 10:30 with a coffee time & Easter egg hunt in between. We will resume having our regular coffee/fellowship time starting after Easter. Graduating Seniors will be honored on May 16<sup>th</sup> for Senior Sunday. Pastor Tyler also reported that he is working on updating our church website. The local ministerium plan to host a "school backpack food drive" and Tyler will recruit 2-3 volunteers from our congregation to help on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Tyler reported he will be on vacation April 12-18<sup>th</sup>.
5. Youth Ministry Report: Steven reported that he has been meeting with students every day and has been working on a calendar for the summer. VBS will be the beginning of June. He has scheduled a Zoom meeting with parents on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm regarding the mission trip that is planned for June 19-26<sup>th</sup>. Their trip is to Denver and will include serving 2 meals to rescue missions & working with YWAM, ministering to homeless and helping with graffiti clean-up. In July a shorter mission trip is planned for the middle schoolers to Sioux Falls. Wednesday youth night is planned out, and at present, there is no meal being served or adult bible study. The council gave approval to resume serving an evening meal, along with Wednesday night youth activities, following CDC guidelines.
6. Financial Report: Duane reported that March income was \$11,448 and expenses were \$10,666. Savings: \$55,000. Insurance is due this month, estimated at around \$8,000. \$205,000 due on building loan with current 3.75% interest rate. Able to be refinanced in April of 2022. We have been able to keep up with supporting monthly missions of \$1000. Expecting upcoming expenses with spring parsonage repairs.
7. Committee Updates:
  - a. Administration & Finance: Duane plans to meet with Andy Greiner & John Lee on March 17<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Christian Education: committee includes Kayla Koch, Steven Diaz, Jared Perkins, & Vanessa Ruether. Committee met in Feb and has resumed Wed youth activities. Has been slow attendance in youth Sunday School. Discussing restarting adult Sunday School.
  - c. Fellowship-Care-Service: committee includes Luanne Fondell, Ashley Tensen, Alyssa Besonen, Joyce & Dean Pearson, Karla Perkins, Steven Diaz and Pastor Tyler.

Members met last week and created some digital “connect cards” that members of congregation could use to request help, if needed.

- d. Mission & Outreach: committee includes Gary Goplen, Lee Ulstad and Daryl Schutte. They are working on coming up with a short mission trip somewhere. Discussion over helping several local missions, possibly including a branch of LQP Family Services.
- e. Properties: John Sather, Jerrad Perkins and Gary Goplen. John reported that the parsonage has been measured for some estimates for repairs to bathroom and drywall. Andy Greiner offered to assist him with further inquiries regarding estimates & contractors. Possible contacts may include Jerry Citrowski or Ken Knutson with repairs to be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Gary replaced batteries in church’s key pad and now is working. John will check with Shawn Steinke to see if he will still take care of DCC church lawn mowing and cemetery, including weed whipping around gravestones, especially prior to Memorial Day.
- f. Worship & Music: committee includes Pastor Tyler, Brandon Ulstad, Deb Ulstad, Joyce Pearson, Jill Christie, Karla Perkins, and Joyce Busiahn. Andy Greiner decided to change committees to help out on the Properties Committee instead. Members met 3/1/21 via Zoom & discussed goals. Will continue to encourage others in congregation to share their talents on worship team. Pastor Tyler offered to create a music/worship calendar for the church year for easier referencing for future services. Planning for Holy Week and Easter underway.
- g. There was a motion to adjourn and Pastor Tyler closed the meeting in prayer.
- h. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.