

COUNCIL MEETING

April 14, 2020

Meeting held by ZOOM due to COVID-19

CALL TO ORDER: 5:59 PM Lynn called the meeting to order

PRESENT: Lynn, Dave, Deb, Stacy, Beth, Linda, Pastor Jim, Frank.

Jane was not able to attend.

NON-COUNCIL MEMBER: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made to accept the agenda as printed Pastor Jim/Stacy MSC.

DEVOTION: Stacy

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY- Dave stated heating continues to work correctly. Linda stated that Ken Leseman has donated two more handicap parking signs.

CYFED- Linda, discuss the possibility of doing some type of group celebration for the graduates and /or the confirmands.

Pastor Jim thought it might be possible to do the prayer labyrinth. Families could be scheduled to come at a specific time so only one family group would be physically present at one time.

Debby J. Had received an email from VLM that they were trying to work out camp schedule to start later in the summer. Pastor Jim stated he had heard more recently that VLM camps have been canceled for the whole summer. They felt it was appropriate to let the students know now whether or not they would have a summer job.

WORSHIP- Lynn, no meeting this month. Will discuss Pulpit supply under new business.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dave has a more detailed report about the heating system in his email. Motioned made to accept the minutes from last month with the change according to Dave's email Jim/Dave MSC..

CORRESPONDENCE: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Frank questioned check to Ginny Korte-Castle strength based trading. Lynn explained that it is a program that Ginny had helped plan to augment Crossroads. It had to be canceled due to the Stay at Home Order but the items that have been ordered will be used when it is rescheduled. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed Frank/Stacy MSC.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Jim said he has been making phone calls, sending emails, and checking into the office at least once a week. In his letter for the Beacon he focused on the need for members to support the church with prayers and also financially.

He had requested no salary for the month of April. He is suggesting that in May his contract be 10 hours/week and two Sundays.

OLD BUSINESS:

New church directory- on hold

Signage- on hold

NE Synod Convention-At this time they planned to have it for only one day in September and at a local church with the focus of the in the election of the new bishop. Not sure if we will be reimbursed for the delegates and Pastor Jim that we had sent in for the convention.

Call Committee- The church profile has been updated. It states that we are open to all pastors and open to sharing with other churches. The focus of the church has shifted from conflict resolution to being more involved with community issues. Council approved it per email and it has been sent to the Synod.

Copier- Stacy emailed Bobbie but has not had a reply at this time. Lynn mentioned that Bobbie is working from home and comes to the town to pick up mail and check the phone. Will put on hold at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor Jim's hours- Motion was made for Pastor Jim's contract in May to be 10 hours/week and two Sundays Deb/Stacy MSC. Lynn will notify Nita.

Pulpit supply- Lynn. Joel has been doing daily devotions and organizing Sunday worship for Facebook and website. Executive committee decided to pay him per pulpit supply rate of \$150 per week. Lynn informed Joel and he was very appreciative of this decision. He also stated that if the church starts to have a decrease of

income that he would not expect to continue to be paid at this rate.

May Worship opportunities- Will meet when we have an end date to the Stay at Home Order.

May celebrations- possibly do some type of a get together in the parking lot with members staying in their car for physical distancing.

Looking forward to new normal- Will discuss further at our next meeting.

Contacting Bethesda's active members- Lynn recommended that we call members again this week to see how they are doing and give them an update as to what is going on regarding the church schedule. Each caller would move one page ahead of the one they had last month.

Lynn will call those who are not at the meeting tonight.

THANK YOU: The Jam group sent a donation to the church. Linda will mail a thank you to Steve and Ardith.

NEXT MEETING: 5:30 May 19, hopefully we can be together as a group by that time. If we can't meet in the church it might be warm enough for us to meet outside.

EXECUTIVE MEETING: May 12 via email

DEVOTION/TREAT: Dave

ADJOURNMENT: 6:37 motion was made to adjourn the meeting Dave/Frank MSC.

THE LORD'S PRAYER