

COUNCIL MEETING

January 12, 2021

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Lynn called the meeting to order at 5:34

ATTENDANCE: Lynn, Dave, Pastor Jim, Deb, Jane, Beth, Linda.

ABSENT: Frank is in Arizona and was excused.

NON-COUNCIL MEMBER: None

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

DEVOTION: Pastor Jim gave us a reflection on Jesus's statement "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." He said that means that the Kingdom is now it is not something in the past but is with us at this time. Repent means to change how you think and how you view life and in order to do that we need to live our beliefs here and now.

PROPERTY: Dave - still need some volunteers for snow shoveling. Linda will check with NHS to see if they have members that would be able to help.

CYFEd: Linda- 9th and 10th grade confirmation with Pastor is being held on a Thursday afternoon. There are two students in the class. The 7th and 8th graders are doing in person with Wendy on Wednesday nights. JoAnn and Robbi connected with the students in Faith Formation for Christmas and they are working on sending them some information and maybe activity projects for Easter.

WORSHIP TEAM: Lynn- in the end of December and beginning of January there was an average of 14 people for Sunday for in person service. The Sundays in December online had an average 152.

There will be no in person Ash Wednesday service. Joel and Pastor will work on an online Ash Wednesday service.

Pastor Jim will be in person Sunday, February 14 and 21st.

Cathy will be back to play the keyboard this coming Sunday.

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

Correspondence: None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

On the second page for income you need to subtract \$7978.86 which is actually from investments. The remainder is our actual income.

The congregation has been very generous with their offerings this past year.

The question was raised if we should move some of the money from the checking account into a savings account. Lynn responded that the interest is so low in a savings account it doesn't pay to transfer money out of checking.

It was suggested that the gas payment should maybe be put on a budget plan to make it easier to estimate the church budget.

Worship committee budget on the bottom of page 3 shows an increase over budget of Pulpit supply which is due to paying Joel and Christy for the work that they do for the worship service.

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report Pastor Jim/Stacy MSC.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Jim stated that he has spent his time making phone calls and sending emails to stay in contact with the congregation. AJ who is in 9th grade and Bridger who is in 10th grade are the students in his confirmation class. They are focusing on their relationship with God in daily life.

Friday Bible study- it will be on hold for another month. Pastor will contact the members of that study group. When they resume their meeting it might be possible to use a microphone so that they are able to hear and maintain social distancing. Linda will check on the microphone system.

The spring Synod Conference will be on April 30, May 1, 2. It will be virtual.

Pastor Jim thanked the congregation for the Christmas present that he was given.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sale of 1 1/2 lots- Debra, the proposed buyer, met with Lynn and Dave. She is OK with putting up a privacy fence and with the purchase price of \$25,000. This item will be on the agenda for the Annual Meeting. Due to the amount of the purchase this issue needs to be voted on by the congregation. Lynn will put information

about this issue in the February Beacon.

New copier- Bobbie has ordered the new copier. Memorial will be covering the entire cost. We will be keeping the current copier somewhere in the church.

NEW BUSINESS:

Irving Community Association Donation - The Irving Community Association has a Charitable Gambling Account. They have sent us a check of \$3000 for youth activities. Motion was made to put the check of \$3000 into Memorial for CYFED Lynn/Beth MSC.

Ministry Site Profile update - we now have that we are open to 0 to 3 years of experience. There are no candidates available in this category. Discussion was held as to what the base salary and final expenses would be if we increased to more years of experience. It was decided that we would go with seven years of experience.

?(Lynn do you want to add what the dollar amount for this would be?) Lynn will notify the Call Committee of this decision.

THANK YOU: None

NEXT MEETING: Feb 9, 2021. EXECUTIVE MEETING: Feb 2, 2021 via email

DEVOTION: Pastor

ADJOURN: At 6:28 Motion was made to adjourn the meeting Deb/Dave MSC.

LORD'S PRAYER

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newlon, Council Secretary