

COUNCIL MEETING

December 8, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Lynn called the meeting to order at 5:53.

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

NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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

DEVOTION: Pastor Jim

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY: Dave- nothing new since last month.

CYFED: Linda- Middle School Gathering was attended by five students and two adults. Everyone thought it was very worthwhile. The advent calendars that JoAnn mailed have been received and we have heard many good comments about them. JoAnn is going to send Christmas cards to the younger children. We are discussing the possibility of having some outdoor event in January. JoAnn is going to organize having cards from the congregation given to the residence of IFCC. Pastor is going to work on a way to connect with the Friday Bible Study Group during this time that they are not meeting.

The seventh and eighth graders have finished their classes. The ninth and 10th graders will start on stewardship next week. The 11th and 12th graders missed the stewardship part of Faith Faith and we are planning to have them do this in the near future.

Robbi is going to work on a gift bag with the theme of staying positive during the pandemic, this will be for the six grade and up.

WORSHIP: Lynn- we will continue with in person service. Kevein and Lynn will train with Joel on Videotaping/live Facebook of the service. Christy is in quarantine at this time and Cathy will not be at service due to the death of her husband.

We will do in person Christmas Eve service at 5:30. We will put a maximum number of 30 in the sanctuary and overflow will go into the fellowship hall. Families will be allowed to sit together. Lynn will ask Joel to put this information on Facebook.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: We now do not owe Church Mutual anything until March. We received all the credit we were supposed to have.

The \$580 check issued on 11/30/20 to WELCA showing it was for Christmas Baskets actually included a \$450 anonymous donation to WELCA to be used where needed.

Our checkbook shows a large increase since January and this is due to the fact that we have not had a full-time Pastor for the majority of this year. We have not received any income this year from fundraisers. There has been some discussion of how we could do a fundraiser in 2021.

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report Frank/Dave MSC.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor reported that he had taken part in a zoom interim pastor meeting.

The new bishop has changed some of the job descriptions for the staff so there are a number of positions that are not filled at this time.

The Synod is suggesting that Annual Meetings be virtual. Keep the format simple and the budget should be made available 2 weeks before the meeting. Zoom or parking lot with loud speakers or on radio are some options that are suggested.

Ballot- Everyone who's term is up is willing to continue for another two years.

Three people want to become members. One of them needs to be baptized first and Pastor has

discussed with this person how this could be done.

Men's Bible study on Friday(which actually had two women also attending)- has been put on hold due to Covid until January and then will decide when to resume.

OLD BUSINESS:

Call Committee-Lynn reported that the candidate from North Dakota did come and meet with the committee. The committee was later notified that the candidate did not want to be called but gave no reason why this decision had been made.

Sale of 1 1/2 lots- Lynn showed us a copy of the plat book of our parking lot. When Lynn spoke with the people who live in the two lots across from our parking lot she discovered that Debra, the proposed buyer, was not given the correct information regarding the purchase price of those lots. A local contractor has stated that \$25,000 is an appropriate amount for the 60 x 150'lot that Debra would like to purchase. Lynn informed Debra that this is the amount we would be asking for that lot. She is still interested in making the purchase. Motion was made to sell 60 x 150" lot for \$25,000 firm per approval of the congregation Jane/Frank MSC. It will be stipulated in the purchase agreement that a fence will be erected on the east side of the parking lot. The height will be in compliance with city regulations and the completion date of the fence will also be included.

Zoom meeting with United Lutheran of Proctor- Pastor Beth has informed us that they will probably try to combine in some way with Our Savior of West Duluth.

Annual Meeting- Lynn Informed us that our church Constitution states that the council sets the date. She suggested that we change the date from the third week of January to the third week of February due to the difficulty of enabling congregation members to actually participate in the meeting with Covid restrictions in place. Vaccination against Covid may not be possible for the general population until 1 June. Pastor stated that there may be some state regulation regarding the setting of a budget for a nonprofit such as the church.

After discussion a motion was made that the Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, April 11, 2021 and could possibly be sooner depending on the number Covid cases in the area Dave/Jane MSC.

New Directory -on hold.

NEW BUSINESS:

At the last annual meeting approval was given to purchase a new copier. The purchase was put on hold due to Covid but we should probably make that purchase at this time. Our present copier has no resale value. We will keep it for personal use in the library or Vicar's office.

THANK YOU: to Harold – Lynn spoke to Harold's wife and it was suggested that we send a donation to Saint Jude's in his name. Lynn sent to check for \$200 to Saint Jude's and they will send a thank you to Harold.

NEXT MEETING: Jan.12, 2021 5:30

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Jan. 5, 2021 via email.

Frank stated that he will be going to Arizona next week and will probably be back in Minnesota in April.

DEVOTION: Pastor

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made at 6:37 Deb/Jane MSC.

Closed with the LORD'S PRAYER.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newlon, Council Secretary