

## COUNCIL MEETING

September 14, 2021

Please note: There was no Council Meeting in August

CALL TO ORDER: Lynn called a meeting to order at 5:34.

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

NON-COUNCIL MEMBER: None

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Under New Business- Add Covid masking and Beth's story.

Motion was made to approve the agenda as printed with the above items added under New Business  
Deb/Stacy MSC.

DEVOTION/PRAYER: Linda, Focus on helping others and showing the love of Jesus In every day life.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY: Dave

Light for sign still under construction.

WORSHIP: Lynn reported that we had church service at Interfaith on September 12. There were about 12 residents present. Linda stated that it had been about two years since we have been there as they had been under quarantine due to the flu prior to Covid. Deb mentioned that when the Finish ladies serve cardamom bread some of the residents from Pineview walk over for that activity. It might be possible to invite the Pineview residents to come to the service at Interfaith rather than doing a separate service for them.

CYFED: Linda reported that the first Faith Formation class for six to 9th grad students started last Wednesday. The CYF Ed team met today and did some revisions to the schedule so it will now include a modified worship service including The Creed, Communion, and The Lord's Prayer. Pastor Seth stated that he would not be doing communion this Wednesday but would be adding it to the service later.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion was made to accept the Secretary's Report as printed Beth/Pastor Seth MSC.  
Correspondence - None at this time.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

July

Motion was made to accept the July report as printed Stacy/Jane MSC.

August

The negative amount that is shown on the deductions for Pastor will be corrected in the next statement. Nita was unaware of some of the deductions that needed to be included.

Motion was made to accept the August report as printed Pastor Seth/Dave MSC.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Seth said that he feels he is getting to know more of the people and the kids.  
Retreat this fall for the Council and other congregational members- Postponed this until next year possibly in

the spring.

Youth Gathering- He is discussing this with some adults and youth and trying to get it organized for Bethesda to be involved. It will be held in Minneapolis in 2022.

He will ask Bobbie for a list of Bethesda members who are currently residents of Interfaith Care Center.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Sign with Pastor's name on it- Lynn spoke to the company at the beginning of this week and they stated they will be here by the end of this week.

Church Janitor - Ronay Frank has applied for the job and paperwork has been submitted. Probable start date is September 23.

Trees on corner of lot- Have been cut down.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Covid cases continue to rise in Carlton County. At the Executive Committee meeting last month it was requested but not required for people to wear masks in the sanctuary.

Motion was made that starting Monday, September 20 masks be required in the sanctuary until the CDC states the level is below high risk Pastor Seth/Stacy MSC.

Coffee time- masks should be worn when people are not eating and/or drinking.

Pastor will announce these decisions at church on Sunday. Signs will be posted starting Monday, September 20.

This information will also be put on our Facebook

Beth told the Council about how she had prepared for the birth of her daughter and then due to medical issues how the plan that she had in place for the delivery needed to be changed to save the life of her and the baby. This is often what happens when the reality of life changes the circumstances we are in and we need to be open to an alternative plan.

THANK YOU: Alice and Cliff for their years of service as janitors.

NEXT MEETING: Oct.12 @ 5:30

#### EXECUTIVE MEETING:

Oct. 5 by email

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:28 a motion was made to adjourn the meeting Deb/Dave MSC.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Newlon, Council Secretary