

COUNCIL MEETING

June 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Lynn called the meeting to order at 5:41.

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

NON/COUNCIL MEMBERS: None.

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

DEVOTION: Linda

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY: Dave no maintenance or new projects done this past month at the church.

CYFED: Linda- Planning is underway for confirmation in the church on June 28. There are four confirmands. Each confirmand will be allowed to have two pews of people and there will be social distancing between each of the groups.

Each of the confirmands will read their faith statement to their own group in a space separated from each of the other confirmands.

Joel is planning to do the service live on Facebook.

The confirmands and their family have received a letter with information about safeguards that will be in place and they will also need to sign a waiver that the church is not responsible if they should contract COVID-19.

Dave suggested that we also request that they inform us if anyone in their group should contract COVID-19 within 14 days of the confirmation service. Deb was wondering if we would have a record of who attends the service. We should be able to gather that information from the waiver forms that they will need to turn in before the service.

WORSHIP: Lynn - There will be no in person worship service for the months of July and August. We will try to do one outdoor service in July and one in August. Joel is going to see if River of Grace might be able to play and Linda is going to see if Jason and Andy might be able to play.

Frank stated that personally he and his wife are going to avoid all group gatherings until a vaccine is available. He feels that there's also probably going to be changes when we get back to in person worship including not shaking hands for the sharing of the peace. He stated that the church that he and his wife go to in Arizona does not do that and had not done that even before COVID-19.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

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

Garbage collection was put on hold.

Lynn will ask Wendy how CYFEd keeps track of money that comes in that specifically says it's for a CYFEd activity.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Jim has been making calls to members each week. The Synod still has no date for the convention. May end up having churches in each area of the Synod that are set up with a large screen so that people can see the message from each of the candidates that are on the ballot for the position of Bishop.

Confirmation- This is a time that the congregation/church is saying that the students are now old enough to make their own decision about accepting and following God.

Pastor Jim commented that he noticed that Pastor Mary's picture isn't on the Pastor picture board. Lynn replied that we do have a picture of her but it is not an easy process to get it added to the board.

She will see if someone can work on this so it can be done in the near future.

He also noted that one of the banners hanging in the fellowship hall has a missing "B". It was discussed that it used to be pinned on to the banner and at this time we're not sure what happened to it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Signage- Sue Coady had contacted Lynn regarding the banner to go on the 210 Hwy side of the church. At this time she has discussed with the sign company having it read All Are Welcome with a cross in a heart and Bethesda underneath We discussed the various options that had been presented at a previous council meeting. The council felt that Lutheran and Church should be present in some format on that side of the building. Lynn will discuss this more with Sue.

Linda reported that it has been brought up that the second Handicap parking sign is not in place yet. It had been

put on hold when it arrived because there was too much snow. The property committee will secure it to the building next to the present Handicap parking sign. The parking spaces for the two signs will be marked according to the Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines.

New church directory-on hold

Copier -on hold

NE Synod Convention- As mentioned above there is no date at this time.

Call Committee- Lynn had received an email from Chris Mitchell with information as to the progress being made by the call committee. This information will be put in the next newsletter. The committee members have been trained in how to conduct an interview. When doing a mock interview it was discovered that the percentage of youth listed in our Church information on the Synod site was not correct. This error has been corrected. The council stated that it would be best to wait to actually call a pastor until we can have in person worship.

Theresa Vick had resigned from the call committee as she is moving to the Twin Cities area. At this time she will not be replaced because they still have an appropriate number per our constitution.

Church insurance policy -Frank contacted our current insurance agency and has sent a copy of our policy to Young and Associates to review and give us a quote regarding a policy from them. Lynn wondered if we need an inspector to decide if we need more insurance for the new kitchen equipment. Frank replied that it is usually a percentage of what it costs to replace the items. Frank will report at the next meeting the information that he gets from Young and Associates.

NEW BUSINESS:

Update members- Bobbie has compiled a new call list after receiving updated information obtain from our previous calls. For this month: Beth -1, Joel-2, Bobbie -3, Linda will see if Wendy can do page 4, JoAnn 5, Linda-6, Lynn-7, Stacy-8, Bobbie-9, there is no longer a page 10.

In-person Worship Service- Lynn reported that the Synod has stated that just because State regulations allow us to open up the church for worship that doesn't mean that we should.

Frank feels it is best to wait until there is a vaccine available.

Worship committee and Council agree that there will be no in person worship the months of July and August.

We will address this issue at our August meeting.

THANK YOU: None

NEXT MEETING: No meeting in July. Will meet August 18 at 5:30 in the church.

EXECUTIVE MEETING: August 11 per email

DEVOTION: Frank.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 Dave/Stacy MSC.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newlon, Council Secretary

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