

# **Dawson Covenant Church Council Meeting Minutes**

## **Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

1. The meeting was held by Zoom and was called to order by Luanne Fondell at 7:00 p.m. Luanne opened in prayer.
2. Those joining online included Tyler Menssen, Luanne Fondell, Andy Greiner, Karla Perkins, Steven Diaz, John Lee, Duane Haugen, Ashley Tensen, Joyce Busiahn, Gary Goplen and Kayla Koch.
3. The minutes from the January, 2021 meeting were approved as presented.
4. Pastor's Report: Pastor Tyler gave a reminder of the Ash Wednesday service that will be held online this Wednesday. The sermon series for Lent is titled, "Focus: Attending to Relationships that Matter". The Monday Bible studies will follow the same topic and dig deeper into the Sunday sermon. Easter planning has begun with the hope that we can hold 2 services in-person along with a meal or coffee served in between. The services will also be streamed online. More in-person activities are being planned now, including Volleyball nights, Monday Bible Study and potential to return to Wednesday night activities. The NW Conference has asked Tyler to be on a committee which may take 1-2 days a month of his time.
5. Youth Ministry Report: Steven had Cade Buer fill in on teaching the high-school class last week and that went well. Steven has written a vision statement for Youth Ministry and he shared that with the council. His recommendation is to return to our regular Wednesday night schedule with a meal served, youth activities and potential Bible Study for adults. There was discussion on this and it was decided to ask the Medical Advisory Committee for their recommendation on how to do this safely. The council voted to approve the plan to evaluate starting Wednesday night activities by the first Wednesday in March if possible.
6. Financial Report: Duane reported year to date income as \$29,849 (this does not include 2 weeks of offerings or \$5,000 loan forgiveness from the Credit Union) and year to date expenses as \$35,940. The \$5,000 loan forgiveness was from a loan the church had already repaid but has now been forgiven by the government. Duane will get updated financial information to Karla next week to include in the Pass It On newsletter.
7. Joy Boxes Discussion: The church did not do Joy Boxes packing last year due to COVID, but made a financial donation to this mission instead. The council decided to continue with packing the boxes this year as we have done in the past, or adjustments will be made to do so safely within health guidelines at that time.
8. Committee Updates:
  - a. Administration & Finance, Chair Duane Haugen – Committee members include Andy Greiner and John Lee
  - b. Christian Education, Chair Kayla Koch – Committee members include Jerrad Perkins and Vanessa Ruether
  - c. Missions & Outreach, Chair Gary Goplen – Committee members include Lee Ulstad and Daryl Schuttee
  - d. Properties, Chair John Sather – Committee members include Jerrad Perkins and Gary Goplen. A parsonage committee needs to be formed to get started on work there. Gary will check on the church's key-pad door that seems to be sticking.
  - e. Music & Worship, Chair Joyce Busiahn – Committee members include Andy Greiner, Brandon Ulstad, Deb Ulstad, Joyce Pearson, Karla Perkins. This committee recently met to discuss Easter planning.
  - f. Fellowship, Care & Service, Chair Luanne Fondell – Committee members include Ashley Tensen, Dean Pearson, Joyce Pearson. This committee recently met to discuss Easter planning.
9. Luanne gave an update on the Pastoral Search Committee. They have interviewed 2 pastors but have not called anyone to visit in-person at this time.
10. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16. There was a motion to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Tyler.