

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

9-20-20

Meeting started at 9:45 am with an opening prayer by Pr Bill George.

Congregational Minutes

The November 2019 congregational meeting minutes were not posted in the annual meeting booklet, so they were tabled until the next congregational meeting.

Election of Council Members

Jim McDonald and Joyce Cutbirth were thanked for their years of serving on church council. They extended their terms until the congregational meeting that normally takes place in May could be held. Carla Girkin agreed to serve on church council. There is still one open spot on council. There were no nominations from the floor. Carla was approved by a voice vote.

Transitional Team Report

Pastor Bill gave an update on the Transitional Team. His role as our transitional pastor is to guide us through the transitional process. The Transitional team is working to discover what the community needs and where the congregation can help. Decisions about our future will be based on the information gathered during the discernment process. The team members will be working over the next month to process the data they obtained during the discovery process. They are looking for areas of focus and interest that can be turned into ministries for us. COVID has delayed the process but the team has rebounded with new approaches to getting the needed information. One church was able to work with the families of the Boy Scout group that met in their building. They expanded their offerings to include the families of the scouts. Another church was able to donate extra lots to Habitat for Humanity. There is a large senior housing project next to Price Chopper. Maybe that could be a focus. Volunteering in schools is an option. Once the data is processed, we need to decide what we can do given the resources of our church and the needs of the congregation. There will be a series of meetings to hear about the findings. We will make plans, work on our mission, and come up with a strategy to fulfill our mission.

New Business

Katie Melton gave an update on her Girl Scout Gold Award project to convert the nursery into a youth room. She presented her proposal to the council in February 2020 and has been working on the project this summer. She thanked Ray and Paula Melton, Darren and Lisa Melton, and Phil and Mary Ann Gross for donations and assistance. She has painted the walls a soft gray, installed bench seats, and is working on new shelving for storage. Additional seating needs to be purchased. Anyone wanting to make additional donations can contact Katie or the church office. There will be a virtual

ribbon cutting ceremony online. Pam Meek and the congregation were thanked for their support of her project.

The church ordered masks for use at the June service, but they came too late and weren't available. Anyone wanting one can donate \$5 or \$10 to the church to purchase one. They were ordered from Old Lutheran, so it was a worthy cause.

Pam thanked the church members for their continued support. It has been a rough year, but we are resilient. We may not know what the future holds but we will hope for the best possible outcome.

Future meetings may be held via Zoom with smaller groups in attendance. Zoom is nothing to be afraid of using. You don't need to have a computer or smart phone. You can call on a landline phone and listen and/or talk. We want everyone to be able to participate so please ask a council member if you have questions.

Pam gave out baked goods provided by Katie Melton as thank you gifts. Phil and Mary Ann Gross, Joyce Cutbirth, Jim McDonald, David Fast, Paul Blixrud, Sharon and Bob Levasseur, Betsy Reese, Ann Lee, Lisa Melton, Doug Neeb, Sara Meyers, and Jean Meroni.

Jean, our church secretary, fell at home and broke her leg. She had surgery and is home from the hospital. It is expected that she will be unable to work for at least 6-8 weeks.

Thanks to everyone that helped set up for the service.

Tracy Nelson moved, and Anne Lee seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:15 am.