

American Lutheran Church

December Council Meeting

December 14, 2020

President Maureen Even called the meeting to order electronically on Zoom at 6:33 p.m. Present on Zoom were Maureen Even, Pastor Kristen Corr Rod, Mike Waring, Loren Corkery, Kaye Jones, Christa Leach, Shirley Bergman, Sara Borland, and Sheila Collins.

Maureen led devotions from Psalm 75 and Pastor Kristen concluded with a prayer.

Joining us for discussion were Doug Frush and Craig Frush from Zion Lutheran Jubilee. Interest has been expressed in a contractual agreement for pastoral ministry with American Lutheran. They request time to gather input from their parishioners before proceeding. They will possibly join us again at our January 11 council meeting. Their annual meeting with their congregation is January 17, 2021.

Secretary's Report – Kaye Jones made a motion to accept the minutes of both the November 9, 2020 council meeting and the December 6, 2020 council budget workshop as written. Second by Mike Waring. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The check book balance at the end of November is \$12,213.23. A motion was made by Sara Borland to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Sheila Collins. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Memorial – A memorial gift of \$1,500.00 was received from the Mike Peters family to use at our discretion. There is \$895.00 currently in the memorial fund that is undesignated. The memorial committee met and propose the total of these funds (\$2,395.00) be used to upgrade any equipment necessary for improving online worship services.

Abundant Life – No report.

Hospitality – No report.

Parish Ed – No report.

Property – No report.

Scholarship – No report.

Technology – Will meet to discuss the proposed use of memorial funds.

Worship and Music – Met to discuss upcoming services and hymns for January and February 2021 as well as the reopening plan. See New Business.

Youth – No report.

Pastor's Report – In the past month there has been one funeral; Mike Peters. Much of Pastor's time has been spent organizing worship services, especially the joint Christmas Eve pageant with the United Methodist Church. Charlie Rod has been involved with putting the video parts together to make this service possible. The joint online ecumenical Thanksgiving worship service seems to have been well

received. Plans for “Week of Prayer for Christian Unity” in January 2021 are being discussed. We continue to closely monitor Covid statistics.

New Business

The Reopening Committee met and decided worship services will remain online only until the annual congregational meeting. The annual meeting will be on Zoom as well as in person. If the Covid numbers are not at an acceptable level, the meeting can be postponed.

An online presentation of the Christmas Eve Service will be available for in person viewing in the church. Scheduled viewings will be at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 7:00p.m. Reservations are requested and for everyone’s safety, the capacity will be limited to 15 people per service.

Mike Waring made a motion that the tentative budget set at the council’s budget workshop on December 6, 2020 be approved for presentation at the Budget Hearing. Second by Kaye Jones. Motion carried. Since Zion Lutheran Jubilee’s annual meeting is January 17, 2021, it was decided to postpone our annual meeting to January 24, 2021. By then we will know if we will also be presenting a budget to the congregation that accounts for a contractual agreement with Jubilee. (In person worship will still begin January 17, 2021; Covid numbers permitting).

The Budget Hearing on Sunday January 10, 2021 will be held on Zoom at 10:00 a.m. Arrangements will be made for anyone that wishes to attend but doesn’t have Zoom access.

The next council meeting is January 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Sara Borland made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mike Waring. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57p.m. (This motion and all motions made electronically will be ratified when we are able to meet again in person).

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Collins,

Secretary