

American Lutheran Church

November Council Meeting

November 9, 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, Sara Borland, Kaye Jones, Mike Waring, Loren Corkery, Sheila Collins, and Shirley Bergman. Absent was Christa Leach.

Pastor Kristen led devotions by showing a video from "The Bible Project" and concluded with a prayer.

Sheila Collins made a motion to approve Shirley Bergman to fill the council seat vacated by Dan Kopplin for November and December 2020 and January 2021. Second by Kaye Jones. Motion carried.

Joining us for an initial meeting on shared ministry with Zion Lutheran Jubilee were Craig Frush and Doug Frush. It was determined that we should poll our congregation to see if there is interest in pursuing this ecumenical and budget strategy. If positive feedback is received, both councils will share written questions and points to consider. The ELCA Synod has documents available to facilitate this discussion. Future meetings between councils are yet to be scheduled.

Secretary's Report – A motion was made by Sara Borland to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2020 council meeting as written. Second by Mike Waring. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The check book balance at the end of October is \$10,891.87. A motion was made by Sara Borland to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Kaye Jones. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Memorial – No report.

Abundant Life – No report.

Hospitality – No report.

Parish Ed – No report

Property – The switches for the dampers have been installed.

Scholarship – No report.

Technology – Online worship services could use some audio and video improvements.

Worship and Music – Shirley Bergman asked if the committee meetings could be reinstated in view of the upcoming church seasons. Zoom meetings will be scheduled.

Youth – No report.

Pastor's Report -

In the past month there has been one funeral; Bud Marsh. It was live streamed on our Facebook page. We should consider continuing live streaming of funerals post Covid. People appreciate the videos when they are unable to attend for any reason.

The Jesup churches will do a combined virtual Thanksgiving service this year. Sharing this service is also a way to raise awareness for the Jesup Ministerial Fund. We encourage people to give to this fund through their congregations.

New Business

Maureen has submitted the PPP loan forgiveness application. It will be several months before we are notified if the loan is forgiven.

Pastor will find out how the Bremwood Residential Treatment Center would prefer Christmas gifting to be handled this year.

A motion was made by Kaye Jones to designate this year's Thanksgiving offering to the Jesup Ministerial Fund and all Christmas offerings to the UIHC Chaplaincy Outreach Program. Second by Sara Borland. Motion carried.

Council's budget workshop will be held on Zoom on December 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. A budget hearing with the congregation will be held after worship on Sunday January 10, 2020. The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after worship on Sunday January 17, 2020.

Jessica Saunders, church secretary will continue using the long membership list as opposed to subsets of the list to avoid accidentally omitting birthdays/anniversaries of current members.

Shirley Bergman asked if there was a way for the congregation to view the monthly council minutes in a timely manner. They will now be posted on our website directly after council approval.

Old Business – none.

Correspondence – none.

Mike Waring made a motion to adjourn. Second by Sheila Collins. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.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

