

## Minutes for Holy Love Church Council meeting November 16, 2021

- In attendance: Roger Collins, Laura Flynn, Darryl Harvey, Eric Hermanson, Pastor Brittany Kooi, Jean Roenfeldt, Sheila Rice and Amy Schmuck.

Absent: Brian Last

- Call to Order by Daryl Harvey
- Opening Devotion: Darryl Harvey in place of Brian Last.

Darryl quoted from Edmond Burke. "Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little" And from Emily Dickenson. "If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain"

- Council approved October minutes with the addition of members absent and Adult Sunday School days from Thursday to Tuesday.
- Pastor Brittany Kooi pastors report highlights
  - Pastor commented on the Trunk or Treat event and asked what we could do to improve the event.
    - Laura would like to have more members and cars for future events
    - Darryl thought it went well even though it could have been bigger.
  - Coffee hour after the Service has become an issue because of the coverage for setup and cleanup after has not always been done.
    - Laura will send out an email weekly with what committee is responsible for the next four weeks.
  - Pastor has had issues with people not coming to her with concerns and talking behind her back. She would prefer that if anyone has issues with what she has done or said to come to her first to resolve the issue instead of complaining to other members. And if need be, have a meeting with her and the Council President.
- Amy's report highlights.
  - Amy thanked everyone that participated in the Truck or Treat.
  - Faith formation met last week and she was encouraged with the participation. They had seven kids for Confirmation class.
- Old Business:
  - It was decided to put hymnals back in the pews. Only the red hymnals and the Bibles will be put back. The green hymnals will not be put back.
  - Church service protocol will remain the same with masks being required
  - Choir is still not singing or practicing. Darryl will get with choir members and see what their thoughts are on coming back.
  - We are out of the wine communion kits. So we will be using the grape juice kits until the wine kits come in. They were ordered for some time and just haven't come in yet.

- Brian is going ahead with the furnace and air conditioner replacement. The company is waiting on a part before they can begin.
- Darryl thought that the Pulpit Swap well.
- New Business:
  - Trying to bring the AllStars program to Holy Love was discussed. It is a program that gives, once a month, a place for adults 18 and over a place to come and have fun playing games, dancing, singing and just having a good time. Cindy Hermanson will contact the person in charge and set up a meeting with pastor. A motion was passed to explore trying to get AllStars into Holy Love.
  - Laura brought up the idea of signing up for Amazon-Smiles. It is a program that anyone can sign up for on Amazon a percentage of qualified purchases will come to Holy Love. A motion was passed to look into and sign up for Amazon-Smiles.
  - Darryl and Eric will meet with a company to give us a quote on a new sound system for the sanctuary.
  - Christmas offering this year was discussed. A motion passed to have it go to Comitis Crisis Center.
  - T-Mobile money was also discussed. A motion was passed to have the monies go to the list Jean had. Grace Place Campus Ministries, Extra Ordinary Lutheran Ministries, Aurora Interfaith Community Services, Lutheran Family Services, Aurora Warms the Night, New Beginnings(Women's Prison Ministries) and ELCA World Hunger.
  - VRSM meeting will be held after the via Zoom and Service on November 21st. All Council members are encouraged to attend. We will vote on our core values.
- Action items
  - Finance:
    - A motion to move the money we have in the Sabbatical fund to the General Fund was passed.
  - Property:
    - Brian got three bids for the removal of the two large cottonwoods on the PreSchool side of the building.
    - The cleaning schedule has been updated and Easter Seals will be reimbursing us for the additional we incur because of their usage.
- Things Darryl forgot
  - We will not be doing the Angel Tree this year. We will instead be doing the Holy Kicks.
  - Thanks was given to Sheila Rice for her coordinating the care for people in the Congregation.
- Blessing was given by Pastor Brittany Kooi.
- Next meeting is December ,2021. Devotions will be by Brian Last.