

PEACE LUTHERAN COUNCIL MEETING
January 21, 2021

Present: Pete Peterson, Larry Carlson, Craig Brunclik, Dallas Wynne, Michele Merritt, Ronda Haley, Maria Gjovig

Also Present: Intern Ben

Absent: Kelly Kneath, Nicole Kovar, Linda Moore

Call to Order: 7:12 p.m.

Mission Statement: Recited in unison

Secretary's Report: Drew made motion to approve December minutes. Craig seconded motion. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Pete created a report for annual meeting. Didn't list PPP loan as a liability to keep things simple and not confuse people. He did file application for forgiveness. Not sure how long the process will take to go through. Expenses are increasing slowly now that we're fully staffed and dealing with heating costs now that the building is slowly re-opening. Giving is steady. Checking balance is \$29,554. Drew made motion to approve report for annual meeting. Michele seconded it. All approved.

Dallas will present budget (as discussed in October) to congregation at annual meeting Jan. 31.

Custodian is no longer employed at Peace. Pastor Melissa was asked to identify jobs to do in the meantime to hire temp. (10 hours) until permanent hire can be filled.

20 hours could easily be filled by custodian duties. Ben said we got one application.

Pastor's report: Melissa is on vacation with her family. Ben is on his own for Sunday's service. He had mixed feelings about opening last week. Surprisingly there was a good turn out! Great energy-service went well. Pastor's have decided to stay online. Midweek lenten services for sure will be on line. Confirmation will stay online also even though it isn't ideal but

it's safer for now. No mentoring for confirmation this year either. Reality is setting in for Ben and his internship. There are so many things he wanted to do during this time, but because of Covid, he can't. Frustrating, but he's still learning a lot and hanging in there! He has gotten a wonderful, positive response from congregation and of course, has full support from council. Larry feels strongly that we need to open back up fully. One service at 9:15 was decided upon until something changes and two services are considered.

Drew commented that regardless of Covid, and how few are attending services, we should be gratified that we're serving anyone. All agreed!

Committee Reports:

Stewardship: nothing new to report at this time

Youth and Family Ministry: Received their money from council, working with Kwik Trip on a fundraiser with gift cards, also hope to sell butter braids and maple syrup-maybe even a garage sale.

Worship: Supporting Pastor's and congregation's needs for worship services.

Property: Good to go with siding.

Recruiting!!! Who can we call? Our council needs people!!

To outgoing council members: THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE!!

Larry made motion to adjourn. Michele seconded motion. All approved.

Adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Michele Merritt
Council Secretary