

PEACE LUTHERAN COUNCIL MINUTES Zoom- November 19th 2020

Present: Maria Gjovig, Kelly Kneath, Craig Brunclik, Larry Carlson, Drew Ekstrom, Nicole Kovar, Michele Merritt, Ronda Haley, Dallas Wynne, Pete Peterson

Absent: Linda Moore

Also Present: Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson, Pastor Melissa and Intern

Ben Nelson

Call to order: 7:08 pm

Bishop Laurie started meeting with a welcome, synod update, devotion and prayer.

Secretary's Report: Tabled this until further notice.

Treasurer's Report: According to Pete, there's nothing too significant happening. Expenses are increasing and he expects they will get higher. We have a new custodian and Media specialist who are newly on payroll. Giving is unpredictable-especially the online mode. Cheryl is back doing more bookkeeping duties. There are no updates on the PPP loan. MidWest One cut back operations because of Covid so that might be a factor. They are postponing payments until forgivenesses are settled. Pete also said we haven't paid off all our benevolences yet. 40% are still due.

Kelly suggested we get them paid but it was decided that it would be better to wait until the end of the year.

Dallas asked if we are still feeling strongly about our benevolences? Pastor Wayne originally selected them and maybe we want to update them. Pastor Melissa said there may be some charities that seem more contemporary and current to our passions. She wants to discuss this further but to table it for now.

Most of our giving goes towards the Polk County Mobile Pack- \$5000. \$20,000 is budgeted for 2021 benevolences.

Pastor's Report:

MELISSA: Great things are happening! Members are reaching out to those with Covid. Meals have been dropped off and we received a gift card to help with more meals being delivered.

We sent out 26 college care kits to stay connected with our college students. The Make-Your-Own Pizza event with the high school kids was a hit! Specific causes still seem to get the attention from members for giving. Advent Bags have been made for everyone in our congregation! Pastor Melissa reported that our new custodian and media specialist is doing a great job!

Congregation was supportive of the church closing because of increasing numbers of Covid in the county/

state.

We have a Chili Feed planned for Monday Dec. 7th. 4:30-7:00. Sign-up Genius or the like will be sent out to council to volunteer for helping.

INTERN BEN: Confirmation has been happening online and it's been going really well! Will probably keep things online until January. Adult-Ed on Sunday mornings has been well attended also.

Ministry Reports:

EDUCATION: Kelly cancelled November Sunday School event. January event is TBD. Virtual Christmas Video is in the works. Still haven't had any interest in the Education Director position. Should we change the name? What about "Director of Children, Youth and Family"?? Might strike a chord with people with a broader people skill-set.

PROPERTY: Siding is close to getting done! They're short \$5900 for window project. Will wait until Spring. Potholes got filled. Are we donating a TV to Royal Oaks? Larry will bring that to the committee.

WORSHIP: We are closed for indoor worship at this time through Jan. 10th, but it will be discussed monthly to determine a set date when we will gather again safely. When we return we'll go to one service instead of two.

Christmas Eve outdoor service: 5:00 and 6:00 with no drive-by communion. Youth and Family are still selling pies until Nov. 21!

Dallas' family requested the use of the church kitchen so his family can prepare meals for people at the Dresser Motel. Their goal is 20 meals! A resounding YES to that.

Ronda suggested we do our call lists to reach out to members regarding Christmas even service, what's to come for worship when we return and just a general check-in during this crazy holiday season.

Adjourned at 9:03 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Merritt, Council Secretary