

PEACE LUTHERAN COUNCIL MINUTES
Dec. 19th 2020 Zoom

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

Absent: Dallas Wynne, Linda Moore, Ronda Haley

Also Present: Pastor Melissa, Intern Ben Nelson

Drew started out with a devotion and prayer.

Craig recited mission statement.

Secretary's Report: Kelly made motion to accept November minutes. Craig seconded motion. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer: Pete reported that they had a good week! Doing better than expected. Cheryl is doing more of the bookkeeping. She is doing weekly processing of duties and it's going well-they're getting ready for year's end. One change that will take place is the categorization of building projects. It will happen gradually. Expenses have been less but giving has also been less. It was decided that we will pay 80% of benevolences and if giving is good for the rest of the year, we will pay benevolences in full. Craig made the motion to pay 80% of our benevolences at this time. Kelly seconded motion. Approved unanimously.

Pastor's Report: Ben: December has been quiet but good! Chile feed was fun and a success. Confirmation continues - starting to plan for outside activities partnering with Kelly. He looks forward to being able to worship in person. Melissa: Chili feed was a success! Great to connect with Peace members and community. Advent bags were a hit as well. She and Linda are revising resolutions: specifically, revision of all our ministries easier to read, needs current updates.

New custodian is doing well and going above and beyond the call of duty! Our new media specialist, Tammy is also doing a wonderful job. Just clarifying Ben's time with us: he is here until August 31 of 2021. Larry made motion to apply for new intern. Michele seconded it. Approved unanimously. Pastor Melissa reported that she's had good feedback on online services. We have our congregational meeting on January 31st.

We're on track to open for in-person services on January 17th. Still need helpers for Christmas Eve outdoor services.

Ministry Updates: Nicole made motion to approve updates. Larry seconded motion. Approved unanimously.

Drew reminded us that recruiting new council members is needed. Michele Merritt, Craig Brunclik and Maria Gjovig are rolling off council. A new secretary will need to be appointed.

Ben would like to sit in on committee meetings so committee chairs please contact Ben with dates and times so he can be there.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m

Respectfully submitted by,

Michele Merritt
Council Secretary