

PEACE LUTHERAN COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes July 16th 2020

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

Absent: Linda Moore and Maria Gjovig

Also Present: Pastor Melissa

**Call to order:** 7:04

Mission Statement

**Secretary's Report:** Craig made motion to accept June 18th minutes. Drew seconded. All approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Pete-giving has been very good! Finance committee met and has questions.

Drew made motion to accept treasurer's report. Kelly seconded it. Motion approved.

Finance committee questions:

1. Intern? What is the compensation? (Dallas looked it up and it's \$9100 for the year.) Is it still a good idea to go with? (Pastor Melissa said we're committed to it so too late to consider this.)
2. Will there be extra expenses for re-opening? Renovations? Extra cleaning? (Pastor Melissa said a task force has been formed to address these issues).
3. What type of financial reports should we present and where should we post it? (It's in the Tidings now, and that's enough. Agreed to keep it simple.) A Tidings is going to be mailed out for August.

PPP - it's been allocated. Soon Midwest one will be sending us an application to forgive loan. Should we pay it back instead? Finance committee recommends that we not pay it back. We could instead catch up on the mortgage principle and we have a \$15K loan from the housing fund we still haven't paid back.

Kelly suggested using money towards windows? Larry would rather use fundraiser dollars for windows.

Pastor Melissa asked where we are at with our budget? Pete said we are \$4263.00 ahead on expenses.

**Pastor's Report:** Melissa has appreciated the support her family has received in the last couple weeks.

She's excited about a 6 week worship series coming up titled, "Generosity Through the Generations". A task force has been formed to proactively, help guide and direct the re-opening of church-it's comprised of a wide variety of people in the community who are knowledgeable on safety, procedure, policy etc.

Busy making Faith Kits! Also have First communion bags for those taking their first communion.

Daycare: Rita Platt is requesting that we lower the rent (for the month? Indefinitely?) After discussion, Larry made motion to propose rent payment of \$2000 a month for a 12 month period starting in August. Kelly seconded motion. Motion approved unanimously. Pastor Melissa will contact Rita.

Drive-by communion July 26th. Melissa needs help. Altar guild will help set it up.

Michele brought up the subject of Covid best practices for council members and meetings. Now that we've moved to face-to-face meetings, should we wear masks? As a leading body of the church, Michele feels like we should be an example to the congregation in modeling safe practices during this Covid time. No one agreed with Michele on this point and didn't seem concerned about not wearing masks for face-to-face meetings. Craig did say that Covid numbers in Polk County are growing and Drew offered the idea to go back to Zoom meetings as a preventative solution. Some members still want to meet at church with their laptops for Zoom meetings.

**Tech update:** Dallas showed us examples of technology he's researched for recording worship services. Some of the items are currently being used by another local church. Do we need a live stream version of our worship services? Should we just continue doing videos on youtube? Pastor Melissa said that ultimately Live Streaming services would be ideal but she

has concerns about sharing prayer concerns publicly and copyright issues for whatever program we'd be using.

**Property:** Larry reported that sidewalk needs to be totally replaced. Cost is \$13,000. We also have a water problem: south side of building. He talked to S. Kromery; cost is \$7413.00. Siding needs tearing off. Need continued funds for windows. \$16K short for windows.

**Worship:** Ronda made motion to approve resolutions for worship committee. Michele seconded motion. Motion approved.

Kelly made motion to adjourn. Craig seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Next meeting: August 20th Zoom meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Michele Merritt  
Council Secretary