

Council Meeting, September 16th, 2021

In attendance: Pastor Melissa, Linda Moore, Intern Hillary Toulson, Kelly Kneath, Larry Carlson, Dallas Wynne, Ronda Haley, Drew Ekstrom, Sara Haase, Dawn Peer.

Absent-Nicole Kovar

Meet and Greet Intern Hillary Toulson
Identity and Mission Statement spoken by all

Review Secretary's report- Larry moved to approve, Kelly seconded. Unanimously approved.

Review Treasurers' report- August giving was good. We had less expenses and we're in pretty good shape going into the fall. Pete would like us to look for a Treasurer. Cheryl Bjornstad is our Bookkeeper. Pete recommends that we keep this a 2 person job. Larry asked Pete if he had any name recommendations. Dallas asked Pete to document monthly/weekly steps he routinely takes. The Congregational Meeting will be on November 7th. Pete needs to hear from each Ministry if there is any financial increase needed by September 26th. Drew moved to approve, Ronda seconded, unanimously approved.

Pastor's report-orienting and acclimating Hillary, it's going well. Peace received an award for all the things we do for the Community, including dinners, clothing share etc. Family Resource Center will be meeting at Peace for 8 weeks on Tuesdays. Pastor Melissa will have them review the Building Use policy. There will be no charge for this. Sara moved to approve, Kelly seconded. Unanimous approval. Our overall theme for church this year is "Focus on the Word". The first word for October is "Reconnect". Pastor Melissa would like each Council member to take a month and speak in church how the word positively affects you. Dana started seminary and is doing well.

Intern Hillary- very appreciative of Peace's Ministry of accepting Interns. Hillary would like to work on her project sooner than later. She asks that each Council member think of opportunities and let her know next month.

Ministry Reports

Kelly/CYF-Rally day ready to go. SS curriculum planned age appropriate. More laid back like VBS. 1st through 4th grade. Teachers and volunteers are all set. Working on adult education opportunities.

Ronda/Worship. "Word of the Month" will be included in worship services. New banners, new candle holders, new bulletins ready for Rally Sunday. Survey still in process. Try to figure out ways to bring groups in to recognize them in church ie; snowbirds, teachers, etc. Praise band is going to lead both services once a month for 3 months. This is a work in progress. We need to find 4 families to rotate the sound system and then the videos. REMINDER: month of

September Nicole Kovar picks up offering at 8:30 and Dawn Peer picks up the 10:30 offering for the month.

Larry/Property-Jerry doing phenomenal. Great addition to Peace. Larry brought up a few specific fixes that need to happen. Larry suggested we go back to the original daycare charge. The contract will be reviewed in September. Dallas and Pastor Melissa will review the contract and speak with Jessie the daycare manager. Larry is investigating propane for the winter.

Sara/Life and Growth-survey will be discussed soon. Sara and Drew will meet to brainstorm what we can do to get people back into church.

Linda/Parish Relations - Review information is in. We're meeting Thursday morning to go over it and there are appointments made to deliver reviews and hear input.

New Business-recruiting new Council members and a Treasurer. Email/Gmail is an ongoing problem. Dallas will reach out to some IT contacts through Polaris. Tammy will be speaking with vendors to get the appropriate most cost-effective equipment for Live-Streaming. Property would like to be involved prior to purchase.

Kelly, Linda, Dallas and Drew are all going off in February. Gene Jaremczuk will come on to council as the 2nd Worship representative. Nicole and Larry will be looking for a "trainee".

Larry motioned to adjourn Drew second, approved unanimously.
Respectfully submitted, Linda Moore