

Council Meeting Minutes from April 11th, 2021

ATTENDEES: Pastor Mark, Ben Volding, Chris McCulley, Marilu Degener, Jen Brandhorst.

Ben called the meeting to order at 10:22 AM

Pastor opened the meeting by prayer.

1. The agenda was reviewed and finalized. Jen made a motion to approve the agenda. Chris seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Recording Secretary (Marilu): Presented minutes from 03/14/2021 meeting.
2. Financial Reports (Chris): Chris presented financials through 03/31/2021.
3. Description 03/01/2021:

Total Income	8,850.86		\$42,560.28
Total Expenses		12,568.28	
Totals as of 03/31/2021:	\$8,850.86	\$12,568.28	\$38,842.86
4. Worship & Parish Life Committee (Jen): Good to see more people coming to church.
5. Education Committee (Ben): 1st Communion class, needs to be scheduled. Looking at dates to have VBS?
6. Missions Committee (Elwin): Money was given to the Wardell family. Looking at having Sarah Merrill from Navigator come and give a temple talk. She will be doing missionary work in NY for 1 year and she will be self-funding this.
7. Finance Committee (Ed): Nothing new to report.
8. Pastor's Report: Pastor gave an update on in person worship from Sunday March 14th – Sunday April 11th with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, the average was 25. Pastor had 6 in-person visits with 2 communions served during the visits. In-person worship with spike in COVID cases – We will continue to do in person worship. If you are uncomfortable with this, PLEASE stay at home and watch the service on Facebook Wednesday night devotional and Sunday morning worship. Communion is set up to distribute as you go out. We are now having coffee and fellowship time downstairs following worship.
9. Building & Grounds Committee (Elwin): Nothing to report.

Pastor the motion to approve reports and Jen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Parking lot update: The committee will be setting up a meeting to decide what the next step will be.
2. 2021 council member search: Stacey Lee has agreed to fill a spot on the council. We still need 2 more positions to fill.
3. Church Insurance: Chase from Church Mutual came today to go over the new quotes and answer our questions. We will give the quotes to the council members that were not present and see if they have any questions. We will vote on whether we switch to Church Mutual or stay with who we have at the next council meeting.
4. Cook books: Marilu & Jen will make room for the cookbooks at the church. Ben, Chris & Jen will get the cookbooks and bring them to the church.
5. Lawn mowing: Joel & Jacob Herring will be mowing the church & cemetery. (The Herring's bought John Miller's place)

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Moving closer to "normal" worship services: It was decided to keep doing what we are doing for now.
2. Website: It was mentioned that the website needs to be updated. Pastor said he would look into trying to do it himself or asking Cindy to update it.

E. NEXT MEETING DATE:

1. Sunday, May 16th at 11:00 AM. Council Meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT:

1. Marilu made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilu Degener, Recording Secretary

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