

Unapproved September 2020 Council Minutes

Present: John Dancoff, Mike Wootten, Pat Mosteller, Joey Wagoner, Nancy Melson, Tracy Goodwin, Chelsea Morrow, Joni Smith, Eric Anderson, Brian Sigmon, Pastor Chad

Absent: Lisa and Madison Crowder, Daniel Hayes

With quorum established, Joey called meeting to order at 6pm

Devotion – Chelsea Morrow

Approval of August Council minutes, Brian motioned to approve, Mike 2nd, approved unanimously

Evangelism/Social Ministry – Bread of Life scheduled for 9/19. Masks to be worn and trying to keep social distanced. Can complete registrations for the guests, using an X for signature. Project Matthew, groceries only, will be a servant event setup the same as Bread of Life with guests driving up the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Times to be announced as we get closer. Monetary donations requested instead of grocery items through 2nd week of Oct to allow time to reach out to specific amount of families. Relay for Life Luminary event is coming up on 9/20. Any canned goods donated for the luminaries will be used for Project Matthew. Atrium Health gave away over 700 masks at an event held at our location. Gerry Nichols' company to hold one on 9/26.

Finance – From January through end of August, giving is down 11% and expenses are down 16%. When looking at Income vs the Expenses, we've taken in about about \$12,000 more than we've paid out. Committee has the 2021 proposed budget ready to send to Council. Joey will forward it to council ASAP so council can begin reviewing it and be ready to discuss, change if needed and vote at next month's meeting.

Property – Wire that had been hanging off the back of the church has been put back where it belongs. Oct. 10th or 17th are tentative work dates to have mulch delivered to be spread where needed.

Stewardship – committee has been attending webinars, learning and obtaining guidance. A book being read on how to "cultivate a culture of abundance" has led them to this year's exciting program idea! Letters and postcards will be mailed, sharing personal impact stories on how ministries at Holy Cross have positively influenced families or members. This will lead us to pledge our giving intent cards. One generous family has offered a "Challenge Gift" of \$2,500 above and beyond their normal giving if 40 intent cards are received.

Youth – Synod is offering a monthly online instruction for Confirmation to help with that program. Casey Buckner is looking into a virtual opportunity for the Kings Kids. Bookbag online blessings were good fun 😊

Worship and Music – working hard to make sure the service gets setup outside. Dave Johnson is out of state caring for his sick brother. We do have volunteers helping out and are greatly appreciated.

Pastor Chad – After last month’s council meeting, he was feeling he had fallen into a “scarcity mindset” thinking of all the things we can’t do. Much needed vacation helped push that reset button. Returned refreshed and open to where God will lead us. Focus on the positives, ministries, etc. that God IS providing us.

Old Business – Joey brought up a reminder that we had suspended our Synod Benevolence giving due to COVID-19. Joey motioned that we resume and get caught up since we’re doing well. John 2nd and all approved.

We still need volunteers willing to run for Council.

New Business – Pat Mosteller has offered to fill the position of Church Treasurer. Joey made a motion to appoint Pat as the new Treasurer of Holy Cross effective immediately and assume all privileges of that office. Mike 2nd the motion, and all cheered with unanimous approval.

Discussion of how NC’s phase 2.5 of reopening affects us. Update to indoor groups of 25, wearing masks and keeping 6 feet distant. We agreed that the law doesn’t cover churches; however, we are reminded of insurance restrictions/obligations if we are not following the mandates. John motioned we put a task force together to discuss logistics and options, with the hope of worshipping indoors by the beginning of October. Motion was 2nd by Eric and all approved. Task force will include Pastor Chad, Lee Burnette, Pat Mosteller, John Dancoff, Eric Anderson, Chelsea Morrow, and Mike Wootton.

Next Council meeting is scheduled for Oct. 11 at 6:00.

Deacon for October is Joni Smith

Pastor Chad closed the meeting with prayer.