



**309 Pond Street**

**Montgomery, TX 77356**

**Church Council Minutes**

**April 17, 2021**

**In Attendance:** Jack Heintschel, John Burg, Shirley Burg(acting secretary), Mark Lamprecht, Butch Nye, Joyce Knighten, Earl McCaleb, Andrea Mascardo, Clay Hegar, Mike Newman, Lee Wernli, Pastor David Bailes, Cheryl Bailes. **Absent:** Roger Bartel, Peter Hames, Chris Cheatham, Lisa Schoppa.

**Welcome and Call to Order-** President Jack Heintschel welcomed the Council and read from a Lutheran Hour Ministries APP's "Daily Devotions" entitled, "Safe Under His Wings," based on 1 John 3:16.

**Opening Prayer-** Pastor Bailes opened the meeting with prayer.

**Verification of a Quorum and Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2021-** A quorum was verified, but the approval of the minutes was postponed until all Council members had a chance to read them. Some of them had not received a copy of the minutes.

## **Reports of Officers, Boards, and Committees**

### **President's Report - Jack Heintschel**

- Thanks to Shirley Burg, filling in for Lisa Schoppa by taking Minutes today.
- Barring unforeseen resurgence of Covid cases, LSLC hopes to return to "normal" June 1, 2021 (?). Pastor and Elders are working on the plans.
- Welcome Butch Nye as Presiding Elder replacing Tom Schmidt (on sabbatical).
- Texas District and Synodical Conventions – Texas is June 10-12, 2021 in San Marcos. Pastor and Mark Lamprecht will attend. Pastor said the Convention officials are asking for videos and pictures of what's going on in our congregations to show prior to the start of the convention. Cheryl Bailes volunteered to put one together.

- Boy Scouts “Proof of Claims Form” was filed last December. We received notification of hearing regarding bankruptcy and restructure. No action is required on our part. We filed this to protect ourselves while the Boy Scouts met here.
- LSLC’s music ministry changes- Josh is doing a good job as is Carol Bartel, who is directing the choir. Joyce Knighten suggested we have a Thank You/ Recognition reception for Judy Kutach for her years of service to Living Savior. Pastor Bailes thought we should check it out with her first. The Council agreed.
- Recruiting new Officers, Board and Committee leaders for 2021/2022- If any Council members do not plan to continue in current position in 2022, please contact either Chris Cheatham or Butch Nye. Chris and Butch will be working on recruiting.
- LRPC Working on Exciting Things-
  - Playground equipment is in place. A fence may be placed around it.
  - Black wrought-iron fencing has been installed around the cemetery. We paid for the part of it located along our property line.
  - Exciting plans for new Family Life Building- The proposed new Family Life building will parallel the church, with multi-purpose rooms, a half-gym, and an elevator. Much planning is necessary before going to voters for approvals. but exciting things are in the works. See LRPC report.

**Vice President’s Report – Chris Cheatham (Absent -family obligation)**  
No Report

**Treasurer’s Report – Earl McCaleb**

**First QTR 2021 YTD**

- **Current Bank Accounts Balances: (04/16/2021)**

Woodforest National Bank (checkbook balance).....	\$31,996.27
Lutheran Federal Credit Union.....	\$55,014.99
Texas District Church Expansion Fund.....	<u>\$133,937.70</u>
Total	\$220,948.96
- Change from previous report..... -\$46,941.81
- **Income and Expense Results:**

YTD revenue is \$96,580.79. It is below budget by.....	\$4,019.90 or 4.00%
YTD expense is \$106,246.65. It is below budget by.....	\$6,296.18 or 5.59%
YTD revenue is less than expense by.....	\$9,665.36 or 10.00%
Dedicated Funds Balance.....	\$184,490.98
Church Building Fund Balance.....	.\$130,480.32
- **Capital Expenditures: (4/17/2021) – Playground.....** . \$12,803.00

- We are spending more than we are taking in. Revenue, so far in 2021, is 10% less than expenses. We have been hit with some high bills, such as software (\$1000 each) and insurance. We had a \$1000 electric bill due to the freeze. We also had a bill for \$18,000 for projectors that should have been paid in October 2020, but wasn't billed until this year. Only \$30,000 of the current \$220k bank account balance is undedicated and thus available. The rest is in dedicated funds. Cheryl asked if the projectors come out of capital expense. Yes. bottom line message -Be prudent when spending. Be sure you need it.
- New Capitalization Policy-  
Reason for policy – Accounting; Capture church assets for insurance and other purposes as recommended by the LCMS Treasurer's Manual. The policy will clarify expenditures as capital or expense. Andrea Mascardo made a motion to accept this policy and make the policy retroactive to April 1, 2021 . Joyce Knighten seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **Financial Secretary's Report – Mark Lamprecht**

- No Report

#### **Secretary's Report – Lisa Schoppa (Absent – Family Obligation)**

- No Report

#### **Board of Evangelism and Mission – John Burg**

- Board is researching Lutheran Hour Ministries materials for teaching evangelism lifestyle to members- In Reach for Out Reach. We plan to get together and prioritize classes and move forward. Jack suggested getting together with the Christian Growth Committee.
- Freedom Fest is July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and we are looking at having a "float" in the parade.
- Darlene Brown is heading up the Greeters for all of the services as well as now head usher so she asked to be removed from the Board of Evangelism. Board agreed.

#### **Board of Christian Growth – Andrea Mascardo**

- Children's Sunday School Schedule – No Sunday School during May, but will resume in June.
- VBS June 14-18<sup>th</sup> -Theme is Treasured: Discovering You're Priceless to God. Sandy Smith will direct. Cheryl is the volunteer Coordinator, but we still need a Registrar.
- Camp Lone Star July 11-16<sup>th</sup> - 14 children will attend . Cheryl will accompany them.
- Adult Bible Classes - Jack Heintschel will finish Sunday afternoon class on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Thursday Ladies Bible Study will continue as well as Pastor's Monday morning class.
- New Playground - Installed on Wed., April 14<sup>th</sup>. Gary Mattfeld will be taking old playground hardware to The White Mountain Apache Reservation.
  - Confirmation Retreat April 23-25<sup>th</sup> - 10 students will be accompanied by Pastor, Cheryl, and Sarah Wieghat.
  - Marriage Date Night Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Salem Lutheran in Tomball. If interested in attending, talk to Cheryl.

- Adult Bible Studies
  - Pastor Bailes has begun a new Monday Morning Bible Class associated with Lent–related locations (Jerusalem, Gethsemane , Golgatha, etc.) Begins at 11:00 am
  - Ladies Bible Study is on Thursdays at 10:00am
  - Mural being painted in Children’s Ministry Area by former student of Cheryl’s.

**Board of Stewardship – Clay and Kate Hegar**

- No Report

**Board of Trustees – Mike Newman**

- Completion of interior garage on hold until Gary Mattfeld can make trip to deliver items to the Indian Reservation. The reservation has been locked down due to Covid.
- We are planning to refinish weathered church front doors.
- Shelving for the Church upstairs-storage room is still in the plans.
- We will continue miscellaneous maintenance duties.
- We prepared facility for hard freeze, but still had damage to one pipe - repaired.
- We disassembled old playground for transport, thanks to Gary Mattfeld.
- We checked installation of new playground.
- Thanks to Russell and Lori Vahrenkamp, we have post-freeze landscaping repair. Great job!  
We are looking to install a material elevator in the garage, but there are safety issues to work out.
- Storage for Christmas decorations is an issue right now.

**Board of Family Life – Joyce Knighten**

- We are working on Mother’s Day Appreciation.
- We still are hoping to organize a post-pandemic church picnic.

**Board of Youth – Lee Wernli**

- Love Dinner raised over \$3,500 for the youth - Many thanks to Russell and Lori Vahrenkamp, Candy Wolfe, Thrivent Choice, and many participating youth and parents. We may do a lunch time option again next year.
- Mission trip to Guatemala is cancelled due to conditions in Guatemala - Still planning some sort of mission activity the week of June 19-26. We currently have 14 members on the list to go on the mission trip.
- The National Youth Gathering 2022 - In Houston, July 9-13. Looking for volunteers to help. You can volunteer in many different areas and for an hour or all day. Please see Cheryl for more information.
- Cheryl continues to attend youth’s sporting, choir, and band events since it is so difficult to find times for everyone to get together as a group.
- Lee and Cheryl are working on a Youth Leadership Team made up of both youth and

parents.

#### **Board of Elders – Butch Nye**

- New Elder has been added – Clay Hegar.
- Ongoing search for addition of one more Elder continues.
- Darlene Brown is performing head usher duties.
- Realigning Elder/Member Lists – Expect communication soon.
- Discussion continues re: responsibility for opening and closing church facilities on Sundays.
- Butch asked that members be reminded to please exit church quietly after communion so as not to disturb parishioners who are still communing.

#### **Worship Committee – Pastor Bailes**

- Committee Status
  - Activities have evolved and changed over the years – more efficient. Pastor now picks the hymns. Basically, Lindsey and Pastor are the committee. Eric prepares the slides, and Carol directs the choir.
  - Currently are evaluating processes and procedures.
  - Expect Committee to continue in some form.
  - More to come.

#### **LWML News– Jack Heintschel**

- Thanks to all who supported a very successful Spaghetti Dinner in January.
- \$2,000.00 in donations made to 14 local, state, national and international organizations.
- We continue to support Child Beyond International with \$40 each month. Thanks for generous support from congregation,
- Sent \$298.40 to the Texas District LWML for mites for the first quarter, thanks to the congregation.
- Three ladies registered for the National LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky in June.
- Discussion has begun about reopening our Food Bank
- New Ladies' Bible study to begin on Thursday, April 22. Sandy Smith will lead study on Jeremiah 29:11-12. It is a four-week study by Donna (Pyle) Snow entitled *Our Hope and Future*. All ladies are invited to attend.

Jack will invite an LWML representative to attend regular Council meetings.

#### **Long Range Planning Committee – Pete Hames (Absent – Conflicting meeting)**

- Playground equipment was installed on Wednesday April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- New fence around the cemetery was completed last week.
- Committee is working on plans for the next phase of our campus improvements.
  - Repairs to existing Family Life Center would be very expensive.

- Adding on the FLC as we had planned would also be expensive and constrained by existing structure.
- Plan is to demolish the FLC and build a new two-story building.
- Design is for building to be parallel with Baptist church next door.
- While under construction we will retain the offices and bathrooms in old FLC.
- Engineers consulted to ensure design will be approved for safety and drainage.
- Too early to present anything to voters.
- Will need to develop budget numbers and timeline.
- Build out will probably be in two phases as our finances dictate.
- Pastor reviewed preliminary plans for new FLC with Council Members after the meeting

**Mission & Ministries Committee – Jack Heintschel**

No Report

**Church Security Committee – Roger Bartel (Absent – Family Obligation)**

No Report

**Pastor’s Report – Pastor David Bailes**

- Recognition of New Members – 6 new families
- Easing Out of Covid Practices – to be determined
- Travel/Vacation Plans
  - April 21-22 – Taking these two days off in place of Good Friday
  - April 23-25 – Lifequest Confirmation Retreat at Camp Lone Star
  - Concordia Sunday is April 25.
  - Pastor J Brown from Concordia, Austin will be here to lead worship and preach. He was the guest preacher for our dedication service.
  - June 10-12 – Texas District Convention in New Braunfels
  - June 20-27 – Mission Trip To Be Determined (?)

**DCE’s Report – Cheryl Bailes**

- Cheryl’s activities and report are included on previous slides for
  - Board of Evangelism
  - Board of Christian Growth
  - Board of Youth
- Other Areas of Ministry
  - Continuing as part-time church staff member and full-time teacher with Montgomery ISD
  - Manages Sunday Morning Worship Registration

**Unfinished Business –**

None

**Announcements-**

2021 Church Council Meeting dates:..... July 10, October 2, December 18

**New Business –**

None

Earl McCaleb motioned to adjourn; Butch Nye seconded the motion.  
Pastor Bailes led the closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shirley Burg, acting secretary