***Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church***

**Congregational Meeting**

June 27, 2020

President Dan Mathiason called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM and asked Pastor Jason Neel to open with prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Pat McCarty and seconded by Pastor Jason Neel to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2020 Voter’s meeting as presented. The motion passed.

**Pastor’s Report:** Pastor Neel stated that the last couple of months have been a bit crazy. We are moving forward and thriving in spite of the circumstances of 2020. We have welcomed into membership via Holy Baptism Hunter Bellrichard. We have also released Doug Hoffman. We have members that are checking on other members that are struggling. Pastor also gave a THANK YOU to John Peterson for getting us setup for the radio transmission used in our drive in worship. This was followed by a round of applause. The Facebook Ministry on the Book of Matthew will continue. These will be posted on our website and also on UTube.

**John Peterson’s Report:** The annual Blue Grass service will be on August 16th. This will be using our existing drive-in worship format. Congregation is encouraged to bring neighbors and family. Vacation Bible School will be held the end of July.

**President’s Report**: Since the February Congregational Meeting a lot has happened. Dan is very grateful to John Peterson, Pastor Jason and the Board of Elders to look at different worship options. Dan expressed gratitude for everyone’s input and help. Dan indicated that our Certificate of Incorporation had expired and has since been renewed. The Congregational amendment that was passed at the last meeting has been forwarded to MN South. We should have a report back from MN South by the August Voter’s Meeting. The Nominating Committee wrapped up in June. The Website Committee continues to meet and it is almost completed with necessary changes being currently identified by the members.

**Board Reports**

Board of Elders: No report

Board of Youth: No report

Board of Stewardship: No report

Board of Education: Sara Neel – moving forward with plans for VBS which will be outdoors this year. Dates are July 26-30. “Fall” plans remain in limbo, but are planning and hopeful for a Rally Day.

Board of Trustees**:** No formal report. However, it was noted that Andrew Kuntz is getting bids to replace the siding. We are switching from American Family as our church insurance. Our new insurance carrier (Benton Insurance Services, Grinnell Insurance Company) will begin in August.

Board of Finance: No report

Board of Evangelism**:** Elaine Hayden – They haven’t met for several months and will hope to return to regular meetings this fall. Todd Anderson resigned, Elaine and everyone expressed thanksgiving for his service.

Treasurer’s Report**:** At the end of May, the balance was $34,723.61. The computer funds were successful with money remaining. The Pastor, secretary and treasurer all were given new computers. It was noted that we are extremely thankful to have a balance like this considering the current environment.

**New Business**:

Surveys are currently being sent to members to get a response from people as what plans should look like to resume worship in the sanctuary. This will be discussed at the next Elders Meeting.

Update on Phil Hagel’s Philippine Mission trip. It has been cancelled until at least April. The funds were already sent for tables and supplies.

Linda McCarty speaking as the Faith Community Nurse, expressed her opinion on reopening the building for worship. She believes we need to return as a “worship family with a need to come together.” Diane Weinhold expressed an opposite view indicating that caution needed to be exercised before any decision is made and asked that awareness that some members may be at increased risk and susceptibility to Covid be a considering factor.

Dan Mathiason indicated that this would be his last congregational meeting as President of our church. Chuck Johnson stated that he has done a fine job and expressed gratitude for his service.

Motion for adjournment was made at 11:05 AM by Pat McCarty and seconded by Sheryl Johnson. Pastor closed with prayer.

Secretary noted that 26 members were in attendance and another 15 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted.

Diane Weinhold

Church Secretary