

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2020

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING: Vice President, Jim Butt, called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm with 8 Council members present. Pastor Eaves opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

Pastor Eaves
Fred Rackow, President
Jim Butt, Vice President
Cindy Kuschel, Recording Secretary
Darlene Tegtmeier, Treasurer
Les Herman, Board of Trustees
Beth Jack, Outreach Committee
Pam Neisendorf, Christian Education
Sonja Sporleder, Benevolence and Memorial Committee

MINUTES OF 8/10/2020 COUNCIL MEETING: After review, Les Herman made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Sonja Sporleder seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

REPORTS:

- **Treasurer and Financial Secretary Reports:** Darlene Tegtmeier, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report and Financial Secretary's Report for July and August 2020. This report is attached as an addendum to these minutes. Income and expense data 1/1/2020 through 9/30/2020 will be presented in detail in the 2021 budget discussion.

Darlene stated that Trustee projects completed in 2020 have been paid for with money remaining in the bank as stated below. Balances are as of 9/30/2020:

- Improvement Fund: \$65,491.21
- Savings: \$45,886.55
- Memorial: \$17,097.66

- **Pastor's Report:**
 - Two funerals were recently held at church for Dean Roby and Marnie Weseman.
 - One wedding (not held at church)
 - There are 2 students participating in confirmation classes.
 - Sunday services are being well attended during this time of the Covid pandemic. Discussion followed on the topic of wearing masks during services due to Covid. During this discussion, it was noted that the Elders are making calls to members who have not been comfortable in attending or are unable to attend services due to the pandemic. We are all encouraged to send cards and make calls. A list of members to reach out to will be created so that we may help with this important project.
 - "Trunk or Treat" was successful; thank you to the Outreach Committee.
 - Christian Education Committee is working on Christmas planning.
- **Board of Trustees:** Les Herman represented the Trustees and stated that the beams in the front and back entrances will be stained in 2021 (estimates are being obtained). The pole barn construction will be completed in 2021.
- **Outreach Committee:** Beth Jack, Chairperson, reported that the "Trunk or Treat" event went well with over 100 trick or treaters and 18 cars/trucks that were decorated. Many thanks to all who participated. Pictures with Santa event is scheduled for December 5, 2020. Church directory pictures are being completed.

- The following committee reports were not presented due to time committed to discussion regarding the 2021 Budget: Benevolence, Memorial, Christian Education, Elders, Preschool.

BUDGET REQUESTS BY BOARD CHAIRS: A handout was distributed with Pastor's budget items for 2021. This information titled, "Budget Items for 2021" is included as an addendum to these minutes and includes details of a new LCMS/Northern Illinois District mission's program, "Mission Central". Mission Central includes programs such as Stephen Ministry and a Prison Ministry.

Pastor noted that any member is welcome to propose a new mission program.

2021 BUDGET REQUESTS AND FINALIZATION: Detailed discussion was held on all line items included in the 2021 proposed budget. Specifics included but were not limited to the below:

- Under Building & Maintenance:
 - Building Insurance/Workmen's Compensation: A request for assistance was made to help review our building and workmen's compensation insurance. Sonja Sporleder kindly offered to assist and will meet with Pastor and Les Herman.
 - Buildings (New & Improve): Move Pole Barn to the 2021 proposed budget
- Under Worship Life: Pastor and Darlene to clarify "Worship Aids & Supplies".
- Under Christian Education: Remove "Christian Education Committee" line item.
- Under Outreach/Inreach: Remove "Deaconess Ministry". Also, the Little Saints Subsidy of \$10,000 should be added as part of the proposed 2021 budget.

Total proposed budget for 2021: \$228,610.63.

DATE FOR CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY: A congregational assembly to approve 2021 budget and elect officers will be held Sunday, November 15, 2020, after the 9:00 am worship service. Fred and Jim will be contacting current officers and chairpersons to confirm that they are willing to continue in their current position. If a position will be vacant, it was suggested that a note be included in the weekly Messenger asking if any members may be interested in any unfilled positions.

OLD BUSINESS: Our revised constitution will be presented to the congregation after the end of the year. We are operating now under our 2014 constitution.

NEW BUSINESS: Sonja Sporleder distributed information regarding the "ADF FOUNDATION" which is the *Alliance Defending Freedom for Faith, For Justice*. Sonja can provide further information on this program which would be beneficial for our own protection as individuals and as a congregation of our First Amendment Rights.

CLOSING PRAYER: Pastor Eaves led us in prayer to close the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Les Herman made a motion to adjourn. Cindy Kuschel seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kuschel, Council Secretary

Addendums

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH NORTH PLATO
REPORT for JULY and AUGUST, 2020

TREASURER'S REPORT

OLD SECOND BALANCES AS OF August 31, 2020

Checking Account	\$ 72,943.23
Savings Account (General)	\$ 110,881.55
Savings Account (Memorial)	\$ 51,225.10
Optimum Account (Improvement)	\$ 99,427.16

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

as of August 31, 2020

<u>2020 INCOME</u>	JULY	AUGUST
Loose Collections	\$ 295.00	\$ 333.00
Envelope Collections	11,242.00	15,726.00
TOTALS	\$ 11,537.00	\$ 16,059.00

<u>INCOME COMPARISONS</u>	JULY and AUGUST <u>2019 INCOME TOTALS</u>	JULY and AUGUST <u>2020 INCOME TOTALS</u>
Loose Collections	\$ 1,194.00	\$ 628.00
Envelope Collections	25,274.00	26,968.00
TOTALS	\$ 26,468.00	\$ 27,596.00

COMPARISON OF INCOME from January 1 through August 31

(Loose and Envelope Collections)

<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
\$ 116,151.00	\$ 120,685.48

2020 Budget \$ 228,900.00: (\$19,075.00 per month needed to meet budget times 8 = \$152,600.00)