

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2020

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING: Fred Rackow called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm with 13 Council members present. Pastor Eaves opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES OF 6/16/2020 COUNCIL MEETING: After review, Judy Herman made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Les Herman seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

REPORTS:

- **Treasurer:** Darlene Tegtmeier, Treasurer, presented the "Income & Expense" report for period 01/2020 to 07/20/2020. Actual budget for period is (\$15,290.12). Report is included as an addendum to these minutes.

Darlene also presented a report created to reflect income/expense for the past 5 years (2015-2019). Details are included below:

Year	Income	Expense	Income - Expense
2015	278,773.72	250,673.40	28,100.32
2016	243,521.95	197,627.86	45,894.09
2017	222,875.43	223,016.69	(141.26)
2018	212,279.13	213,447.13	(1168.00)
2019	198,402.07	195,766.58	2,635.49

Sonja Sporleder made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Pam Neisendorf seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

- **Financial Secretary:** Judy Herman, Financial Secretary, presented her report dated January 1 through July 31, 202.690. Total income for the period = \$104,626.00. Les Herman made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Steve Sporleder seconded. Motion was approved. Report is attached as an addendum to these minutes.
- **Pastor's Report:**
 - Pastor stated that 2 services are being held weekly.
 - Pastor is meeting with all Boards and will meet with Outreach Committee next.
 - 2021 Budget will be an agenda item at the October Church Council Meeting. Finalized budgets should be submitted to Darlene Tegtmeier to allow time for a complete budget to be assembled and distributed to the congregation prior to the November 2020 Assembly meeting.
- **Board of Elders:** Jeff Pergande presented the "Elders' Council Report" which is attached as an addendum to these minutes. Projects currently being worked on include updated membership database, new audio/visual equipment (new computer), review of Constitution and By-Laws, ongoing concerns regarding the pandemic.
- **Preschool:** Christy Petersen presented updates as noted below:
 - Current enrollment figures
 - Schedule: MWF there will be AM/PM classes and T/TH will be mornings only
 - Parent Nights are scheduled for 8/25/2020 and 8/26/2020; all are encouraged to attend.
 - This is a DCFS re-licensing year.
 - Staffing hours are increasing.
 - Staff is looking at purchasing an antiseptic sprayer.
 - Next Meeting: 8/20/2020 – COVID procedures will be discussed.
- **Outreach Committee:** Beth Jack presented on the items below:

- Saturday, October 17, 2020: "Trunk or Treat" event outside in parking lot
 - Hosting Doughnut Sunday in November
 - Pictures with Santa is scheduled for Sunday, December 5, 2020
 - New Church Directory: Beth will be sending out pictures to those who have had their pictures taken already for their approval.
- **Board of Trustees:** Les Herman presented the Trustees' Report.
 - Completed projects: All floors in the church have been waxed; dead trees have been removed; some landscape work has been done.
 - New Projects:
 - Staining church entrance beam
 - Additional 5 projects that are new or are partially completed but may require additional work and are not currently in the 2020 budget: Tree Removal and Replacement, Landscaping around Church, Pavilion Ceiling Power Washing and Staining, New Pole Barn, and Parking Lot.

Discussion continued specific to the funding of the 5 projects. The projects are currently not in the 2020 budget but Les reiterated the need to schedule and complete as soon as possible. Fred presented written information on the use of the "Improvement Fund" (included as an addendum to these minutes) and the need to be transparent by providing all details to the church membership.

After extensive discussion, the following motion was made by Fred Rackow: Church Council gives approval to the Board of Trustees to bring their project list to the congregation for a vote. All details including pricing must be provided to the congregation 2 weeks prior to the special congregational assembly meeting. Christy Petersen seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Date/time of the special congregational assembly meeting will be Sunday, August 30, 2020, at 11:00 am in the sanctuary. Les will have list of projects and estimates to hand out to the congregation on Sunday, 8/16/2020 and Sunday, 8/23/2020.

- **Christian Education:** Pam Neisendorf reported that Sunday School and Adult Bible Study will begin on Sunday, 9/20/2020. Phone calls and letters will go out to VBS parents and parents with children attending church services and/or have attended Sunday School in the past. The next Christian Ed Committee meeting will be held August 25, 2020.
- **Memorial Committee:** Sonja Sporleder stated that as of the end of May 2020 the Memorial Fund had a balance of \$60,000. There was a recent purchase for a new computer for which memorial funds were used totaling \$3200. Sonja also reported that \$33,500 are designated funds and \$21,300 are not designated funds.
- **Benevolence Committee:** Fred Rackow stated that Dolores Schuring oversees the Benevolence Committee. Discussion was held regarding donation of gift cards to be disbursed to help those in need to purchase groceries, gas, etc. Requests may be made for assistance to help pay utilities.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Church Constitution: Changes to the Constitution were discussed. The revised Constitution will be presented to the congregation and voted on at a future assembly meeting.
- Nominating Committee: Need the committee's report prior to the October Church Council meeting.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Les Herman made a motion to adjourn. Darlene Tegtmeier seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kuschel, Council Secretary

Addendums