

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 2, 2021**

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer & Devotion
3. Attendance
4. Reading of Previous Meeting's Minutes
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Financial Secretary's Report
7. Pastor's Report
8. Board Reports
9. Review of Constitution
10. Recommendation to Congregational Assembly
11. Adjournment with Prayer

# ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## February 2, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING:** Vice President, Jim Butt, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm with 12 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  
Shana Flatland, Financial Secretary  
Les Herman, Board of Trustees  
Beth Jack, Outreach Committee  
Pam Neisendorf, Christian Education  
Sonja Sporleder, Benevolence and Memorial Committee  
Jeff Pergande, Board of Elders  
Christy Petersen, Preschool Committee

**MINUTES OF 10/20/2020 COUNCIL MEETING:** After review, Fred made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Darlene Tegtmeier seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

### **REPORTS:**

- **Treasurer and Financial Secretary Reports:** Darlene Tegtmeier, Treasurer, presented a copy of the updated 2021 budget that included the addition of \$500 for Bethesda under Synod Ministries.

The November and December 2020 Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Reports were presented and are included as an addendum to these minutes. Darlene continues her work on the 2020 year-end reports.

We welcomed Shana Flatland to the Council as Financial Secretary. Specific to the 2021 budget, Shana noted that monies in the Memorial and Improvement Funds are available to use to meet expenses but requests to use the funds must be approved. Preschool subsidy is designated for salaries and is a possible reimbursable item.

- **Pastor's Report:**  
One funeral was held at church for Joseph Butts.

Work continues on establishing a live stream of services on YouTube. Pastor will add a note to the Weekly Messenger advising that the live feed cannot be turned off during communion and therefore it is possible faces may be viewable.

Communion will be offered at all services including upcoming Lenten services. Lenten services will be held each Wednesday beginning Ash Wednesday (2/17/2021) at 1:30 pm and at 7:00 pm. With the exception of Ash Wednesday, a light supper will be available every Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

- **Elders' Report:** Jeff Pergande presented the Elders' Council Report which is attached in its entirety as an addendum to these minutes. Please refer to Jeff's report for complete list of all items.

It was noted that average Sunday attendance since 10/20/2020 is 45. The Sunday evening masked service has

been discontinued due to low attendance. Average attendance for Advent services was 20 and Christmas Eve attendance for 3 services was 104. Communion will continue to be offered at all services.

- **Board of Trustees:** Les Herman presented the Trustees' Report.

Les stated that Trustees will be completing a new project to redo the coat room and to purchase another table and chair cart.

Pipes in the Youth Room were fixed so that they will no longer freeze.

The pole barn construction is scheduled to begin April 2021. All items in storage above Fellowship Hall will be moved to the pole barn. Pastor and Sonja participated in a meeting with our insurance agent at which the plans for the pole barn were provided.

The front and back beams on the exterior of the church will be stained.

Kane County completed water testing.

Verizon phone services were updated.

- **Memorial Committee:** Sonja noted that there have been no requests for monies from the Memorial Fund.
- **Benevolence:** Sonja reminded us that envelopes for giving to the Benevolence Fund are included in our yearly offering boxes and asked that we consider and encourage use of those envelopes to make donations to the Benevolence Fund.
- **Preschool Committee:** Christie Petersen presented her report noting that current attendance includes 22 children in the Monday, Wednesday, Friday (am and pm/Pre-K classes) and 12 children in the Tuesday/Thursday class. Registration continues for 2021/2022 and a discount is provided if registration is completed before 2/12/2021.

Additional Preschool Items:

The Committee is looking at doing a "Perfect Pastries" fundraiser in the spring.

Preschool is now required to have a food permit.

Family Night may be held in April possible outside.

Preschool Committee welcomed two new members: Dr. Erin Real and Nicole Besco.

- **Outreach Committee:** Beth Jack, Chairperson, reported that Heidi Blezian has resigned from the Outreach Committee and that Marilyn Eaves and George Wine have joined.

Family Bingo is scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2021 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. "White Elephant" prizes will be available to the winners.

Easter Bunny pictures event is scheduled for Saturday, 3/20/2021.

Soup/bread/dessert suppers will be offered during Lent beginning on February 24 at 6:00 pm. Volunteers to provide food, etc., are needed. Sign up sheet is available in Narthex. The meal will be served following "Covid-safe" protocols.

- **Christian Education Committee:** Pam Neisendorf reported that Sunday School is going well and that the Committee feels good about the status. Darlene Tegtmeier, Kathy Pergande, and Pam Neisendorf rotate in teaching the younger children (5 students), Denny Sunderlage teaches middle school and Shana Flatland meets with our high school students.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Constitutional Review

The most recent version of the Constitution was provided to each Council member. Discussion included the following:  
(a) The church name in the title of the Constitution will remain as "ST. Peters" and will not be spelled out as "SAINT Peters." Pastor will work with the district on this item. (b) On page 6 under "Excommunication", change "he" to "they".  
(c) No job descriptions, committee duties, etc. will be included in the Constitution but will be included in a separate Operational Manual.

Sonja made a motion to approve the revised Constitution and Christy seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

The Constitution must be approved by the Church Assembly. A meeting will be scheduled for Sunday, February 21, 2021 after service. Congregation will be encouraged to ask questions prior to the 2/21/2021 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** Next Church Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Les Herman made a motion to adjourn. Beth Jack seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kuschel, Council Secretary

Addendums

## Elders Council Report – February 2, 2021

### 1. Worship Attendance:

- Avg Sunday attendance since 10/20: = ~45
- Avg Sunday 6:00 PM mask only discontinued = ~12
- Avg Advent attendance for 2020: = 20
- Christmas Eve attendance 4pm, 7pm mask only, 11pm: = 40, 20, 44

60  
40  
104

2. Membership Count as of 1/31/21 is still in flux: Baptized = ~ 108; Confirmed = ~103

3. We have been alternating indoor/outdoor Worship service since re-opening on May 31. There are some people who feel comfortable outside only and others comfortable inside only. The last outdoor worship was 10/11. All worship will now be indoor for the winter.

4. Adult Bible study, I Have Good News for You completed Holy Communion. Started a LCMS study related to COVID-19 on 1/31/21. Attendance has is stable at ~8.

5. Membership Requests: None

6. Baptisms: None

7. Weddings: None

8. Deaths: Ray Brammer, 11/11, Cindy Cangelosi, 10/26

9. We are working on:

- The membership data base with accurate contact information has been distributed.
- Audio/Visual: a new computer and video camera was installed. Worship services are now available at <https://stpetersevangelical.org/online-worship>
- Constitution and By-laws will be reviewed and voted on tonight.
- The Elders are always discussing the congregational concerns for COVID-19.
- Working on people not attending worship or attending sporadically. Calling lists have been assigned to each Elder, President and Vice President.
- We had discussed and had a formal study on Holy Communion and the frequency of the sacrament. There was concern from the congregation of the sacrament being offered every worship service. For now we will continue the sacrament every Sunday.

10. Lent begins on 2/17 with Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be offered as in the passed.