

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes
June 15, 2020 via Zoom

Call to order 6:33pm Klingfus

Present: Pastor Ben, Pastor Alicia, Hanson-Busch, Klingfus, Hemann, Dittberner, Berger, Schoenebeck, Schoenecker, Smithson, Mackenthun

Guests: Darcey Schoenebeck, Jen Saylor, Pat Remfert, Jed Becher, Karen Taylor

Motion to approve agenda with moving COVID-19 update to Pastor Alicia report section: Berger, second Dittberner, motioned passed.

Motion to approve May 18, 2020 minutes: Berger, second Mackenthun; motion passed.

Vision, Mission and Values Statement presentation: Pat Remfert reviewed the vision mission team year long process and information gathering with data analysis process which led to the writing process and final draft of the Vision, Mission, Values Document for Holy Trinity. Darcey Schoenebeck and Jen Saylor reviewed the final steps to bring it together and read the statement. Motion to approve the Vision Mission Values statement presented: Berger, second Schoenebeck, motion passed.

The team presents the document as a product for the council to move forward with and introduce to the congregation in some form.

Devotion: Mary Hanson-Busch: "Simple Gifts", "Lord of the Dance"

Pastor Alicia Report

- VBS planning and development in process, 95 registrations so far for the online free format, Theme: At Home with Jesus, fundraiser for the week intended toward Prairie Pointe Project
- COVID 19 update: Continue following synod recommendation regarding not holding in person worship at this time, considerations are needed for necessary cleaning and preparation for returning to worship at the sanctuary with social distance and limited in person numbers allowed. Discussion of possible potential changes or enhancement to online or partial live stream or outdoor service potential. Will forward thoughts to Risk Management for discussion.

Pastor Ben Report

- New Staff review, Casey and Angela added this month, Mike Ryan continues to help with building project to store the lawn mowers, but site manager position not currently in place.
- Interior roof access project will not be done - plan with the new building to add easier access via ladder use outside

- Process to have three little food pantries on the church property will occur, exploring option to have different products within the little pantries- Mission Outreach to head this up
- Seeking Father's Day photos and passing the plate video submissions for worship
- Church Logo redesign process presentation with examples presented, council supports the design

Treasurer's Report: Revenues for May trending downward \$12000, with member contributions, rent, loose offerings, lower land sale income and noisy offerings being lower. New electronic givers in May were at 5. Overall expenses are down also close to \$10000, mostly due to teams including hospitality and property spending down, lower snow removal cost also factored in. YTD revenues down \$13000, expenses also down mostly with property team spending less, as the garage project will be cancelled for now. Combining balance sheet reviewed: general fund cash account shows higher balance mostly due to PPP loan funds for payroll.

New Business:

- Dear Church Book: Sande Schoenecker presented the idea to commit to having the book read prior to the July 20, 2020 meeting for adding to the agenda for discussion.
- Livestream equipment proposal overview: Karen presented information about current online viewing of our service and growth that has occurred. Cannot with the current equipment develop a livestream capability to broadcast inside or outside the building. Jed presented the equipment and licensing needed to develop the live stream. Discussion by council Motion to approve purchase of live stream equipment as presented, Dittberner, second Berger. Motion passed
- Interior projects bids were provided as examples of some ideas for consideration for future remodels and ideas for financing. These will be tabled to next month for discussion and solutions and seek additional bids
- Endowment giving approval process remains the same
Endowment fund seeks to donate \$5000 to Prairie Pointe Beacon Interfaith housing project and \$2500 for the Well Ministries Tree House project in New Prague as support groups for teens and programing. Motion to approve Endowment fund requests as presented, Schoenebeck, second Smithson, motion passed.

Old Business:

- Construction has begun, plan to complete by October, interior design ideas also being formed.

Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: July 20, 2020 location TBD

Devotions: Jesse Hemann

Motion to adjourn: 8:44pm, Dittberner, second Schoenebeck, motion passed.