

## **Council June Minutes, Messiah Lutheran Church**

**Date: 6/18/20**

**Location: Zoom**

**Present:** Anne Baunach, Dave Carlsen, Dave Foss, Mike McLaughlin, Janene Nelson, Charlie Radabaugh, Jaymie Torres Ibarra, and Sandi Wollum

**Staff:** Pastor Chuck Harris, Savannah Phelan and Deacon Traci Vatne

**Excused:** Nick Brinkmeyer, Stephanie Smith and Sandi Wollum

### **Gathering Time (10 Minutes) 6:30 PM**

- Call to Order Charlie

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

- Opening Devotion / Prayer Savannah

Savannah led the group in devotions.

- Adoption of Agenda Charlie Motion

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented. (Baunach/Carlsen). Motion passed.

- Approval of Minutes: May 21, 2020 Charlie Motion

Motion to approve the minutes as presented (McLaughlin/Baunach). Motion passed.

- Financial Report Janene Motion

Janene shared that due to the PPP loan, we were able to end the month of May in the black. Without this money, we would have a deficit of about \$6,000. Janene reminded that the PPP Loan will be forgiven and become a grant. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. (Baunach/Harris). Motion passed.

### **Reflection on Mission, Vision & Core Values (25 Minutes) 6:40 PM**

- Scholarship Funds Charlie Motion

Traci requested \$800 from Memorials Funds for the high school scholarships. Move to expend \$800 from Memorial Funds for education to support scholarships for seniors. (Baunach/Harris). Motion passed.

- Bank Signatures Charlie Motion

Motion: Ross Chamberlain succeeded Dale Schossow as the Messiah Lutheran Church Endowment (METT) Financial Secretary. The Council authorizes Ross to conduct transactions on behalf of the METT with Vanguard Investments and Columbia Bank as directed by the METT committee. (Wollum/Baunach) Motion passed.

- Questionnaire Charlie

Sending a survey to the congregation about reopening was discussed. Charlie shared a survey that Alan Melrose received from a congregation in Virginia that we can use as a baseline. A

survey will be put together on Survey Monkey. Comments on the survey need to be given to Anne by Monday or Tuesday. She will send the survey to Tia by the middle of next week.

### **Accountability (10 minutes) 7:05 PM**

#### . For the Good of Messiah

Pastor Chuck thanked Walt Richards for his work rekeying the exterior doors. Lynn, Pam, and Tia have been distributing keys.

Savannah shared that Vacation Bible School will be moved to the first week of August. VBS will hopefully be a hybrid model. Chuck, Anne, and Jaymie all volunteered to be apart.

Traci shared about a modified service week in July.

Charlie wanted to thank the staff for doing what they are doing.

Traci also shared about Senior Sunday and AOB Sunday. In the past we've had cards that the council and staff have signed. Traci will have all of those cards in the center office.

#### . Pastor's Report

Pastor Chuck shared that next Tuesday staff will be getting together to work through details of reopening. There will need to be a lot of help moving forward. Staff will be getting it started, but then will be asking leaders of the congregation to step forward.

### **Implement Our Mission & Ministry 7:15 PM**

#### . Memorials/Lease Committees Charlie/Chuck

A proposed plan was put in place to relook at Memorials. The Council would put the plan in place over the next few months and then forward it to the annual meeting. Memorial funds would be put into ministry areas (instead of individually named accounts) and should be used for mission and ministry in the year in which the funds were used. Chuck asked people to review the document and send suggestions for changes to him to incorporate before the next meeting. This is a council committee – so the appointees would be made by the council. We would then announce appointments at the annual meeting. Charlie shared that he is not sure that we still need a lease committee as we now have a boilerplate lease that we use with all of our groups. The thought is that there could be one person that monitors those concerns – such as a liaison to our lessors.

### **Sending (5 minutes) 7:20 PM**

#### . Review of Assignment & Tasks

Jaymie will finalize the minutes and send to Ross.

Council will send feedback on the questionnaire to Anne by Monday or Tuesday. She will send the information to Tia by middle of next week .

Council will go in and sign cards for AOB students and Seniors.

Council will send feedback on memorial and lease committees to Chuck!

. Adjournment Motion

Motion to adjourn the meeting. (Carlsen/McLaughlin) Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

. Lord's Prayer

**Respectfully submitted,  
Jaymie Torres Ibarra, Council Secretary  
MLC July 2020 Council Meeting**