

Council Minutes

Messiah Lutheran Church

August 20, 2020

Present: Anne Baunach, Nick Brinkmeyer, Dave Carlsen, Christi Gillette, Josh Luebke, Mike McLaughlin, Savannah Phelan, Charlie Radabaugh, and Janene Smith

Absent: Dave Foss, Rev Chuck Harris, Sandi Wollum

Gathering Time

- **Call to Order**
Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
- **Opening Devotion / Prayer**
Janene shared a devotion on finding peace.
- **Welcome of New Members**
Charlie welcomed two new members to council. Josh Luebke replaces Jaymie Torres who has left Messiah. Christi Gillette replaced Stephanie Smith who resigned for personal reasons.
- **Election of Secretary**
Charlie asked for nominations for council secretary as Jaymie Torres' resignation leaves this position open. Anne Baunach offered to run. Motion to appoint Anne as secretary. (Carlsen/Luebke) Motion passed.
- **Adoption of Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda as presented. (Gillette / Brinkmeyer) Motion passed.
- **Approval of Minutes: July 23, 2020**
Motion to approve the minutes as amended. (Carlsen / McLaughlin) Motion passed.
- **Financial Report**
Income was \$953 shy of expenses. Overall, a strong month. Motion to accept the financial report as presented. (Brinkmeyer / Carlsen) Motion passed.

Reflection on Mission, Vision & Core Values

- **Faith Formation Task Force**
Anne shared that the Faith Formation Task Force has wrapped up their work and have submitted a report to the Personnel Team. The Personnel Team will bring a full staffing proposal to the September meeting.
- **In Person Worship Service**
Charlie shared that he and Chuck have talked about the possibility of having an in-person service near the end of September. Council members expressed concern and talked about the fact that the church has a policy to follow the Auburn School District. The council agreed to have this discussion monthly and see what the numbers look like and the school district schedule looks

like. It was suggested that we wait until two weeks after the school district opens before we look at opening.

- **Adult Forums**

Charlie highlighted Chuck's proposal around Adult Forums. He is looking at a couple of different programs on Sunday or Wednesday night (or maybe both.) This will be a Zoom offering until things open again but an opportunity for adult faith formation.

- **Stewardship Training**

The Synod is offering stewardship training for congregations. The Finance Committee along with Charlie, Anne and Josh will be attending. The group will meet the following night to discuss these.

- **Technology Grant**

Messiah received a \$750 technology grant from the synod to help with equipment for worship. It will pay for a couple of wi-fi cameras, the Zoom subscription, and a few other items.

Accountability

- **For the Good of Messiah**

- Fikes has been awesome for Messiah and has provided us a lot of equipment and cleaning supplies. Mark has agreed to do an electrostatic cleaning of the church before services once we go to in person worship.
- Charlie Radabaugh has been calling a few members each week. He has gotten positive feedback around worship.
- Christi Gillette talked about the importance of pulling people together outside of worship. She believes that the adult faith formation proposal that Pastor Chuck is looking at doing will help with that. She believes that we are still missing the feeling of community as we can't be together.
- Josh Luebke is preaching in a week and a half. Mike McLaughlin will be doing the children's message that week.

- **Pastor's Report**

- The council reviewed the written report submitted by Pastor Chuck.

Implement Our Mission & Ministry

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- **Review of Assignment & Tasks**

- **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting. (Baunach / Gillette). Motion carried.

- **Lord's Prayer**

- Savannah Phelan led the group in the Lord's Prayer.