

Council Minutes

May 20, 2021

Present: Anne Baunach, Jonathan Baunach, Dan Fergusson, Dave Foss, Rev Chuck Harris, Rev Susan Kirlin-Hackett, Josh Luebke, Janene Nelson, Charlie Radabaugh, Sandi Wollum,

Absent: Mike McLaughlin

Gathering Time

- **Call to Order**
Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.
- **Devotions**
Janene shared a devotion on Psalm 91 (her mother's favorite Bible verses).
- **Adoption of Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda as amended. (Luebke / Nelson) Motion passed.
- **Approval of Minutes: April 15, 2021**
Motion to approve the minutes as corrected. (Fergusson / J Baunach) Motion passed with one abstention (Luebke).
- **Financial Report**
Janene gave an update on financials. After the March financial statements were issued, Pam paid a credit card bill with March payments for refrigeration repairs. This changed the March financials so that we ended March with a year to date loss of \$4,979. April was a good month, thanks in part to the Easter offering which was over \$7,000. We ended the month with \$6,277 to the good. Year to date positive balance of \$1,297 in the general fund. Motion to approve the financial report as presented. (A. Baunach / Luebke). Motion passed.

Reflection on Mission, Vision & Core Values

- **In Person Gatherings**
Lots of changes are happening in WA State. The Executive Committee talked and is recommending that we stay to the plan that was passed by council at the last meeting. The state has started to update the guidelines for religious services. Now, those who are masked in the congregational setting could sing according to the state. We don't know what restrictions will be in place as of July 1 for communities of faith. At the June council meeting, we will look at what might be a good practice for July and August.
- **Endowment Committee Vacancy**
Judy Ruud had to step down from the endowment committee. We need to fill that vacancy. We will post that in Messiah Weekly.
- **Call Committee**
We are forming a call committee. To date, there has only been one response for someone interested in serving on the call committee -- Anne Baunach. We need to come up with a total of 7 individuals -- 6 members and one alternate. We need to have a chair of the call committee to be listed. Move to appoint Anne Baunach to the call committee and appoint her as chair. (Harris / Foss) Motion passed. Dan Fergusson volunteered to serve on the committee. The council talked about the importance of a youth serving on the committee.

- **Ministry Site Profile**

The transition team shared the MSP. Move to approve the MPS with the addition of the information in yellow highlights. (Harris / J Baunach) Motion carried. Chuck thanked the transition team for all their work on the gathering of data for the MSP. He encouraged all members of the council to really study all of the data shared in the council packet.

- **Planning Groups**

Pastor Chuck will be pulling together a conversation with parents where he asks for volunteers to be part of one of three planning groups: Sunday School, AOB, and High School ministry. This group will help build some activities to plan for this fall. Chuck will ask the council to participate with these planning groups.

Accountability

- **For the Good of Messiah**

- Charlie wanted to thank the pastors and staff for all their work on having in person Sunday services.
- Anne recognized Savannah, Tia, and Pam and the youth along with the work for their efforts for Mary's Place.
- Dave recognized the people who were part of the SW Washington Synod last weekend. Representing Messiah were: Dave, Charlie, Janene, and Anne. Heather Caffoe was congratulated for completing the PSALM program and Savannah Phelan was recognized for her scholarship to seminary.
- Chuck recognized Pastor Susan for the amazing dent she has made in reaching out to people in the congregation -- especially in a virtual format.
- Pastor Susan requested support helping to introduce her to people in the congregation as they return to worship so that she knows who people are.
- Josh suggested we consider a pictorial directory at some point in the future. Dave suggested we consider a virtual directory.

- **Pastors' Reports**

- Pastor Susan submitted her written report.

Sending

- **Review of Assignment & Tasks**

- We will continue to look for members of the Call Committee so we can get this launched.
- We are encouraged to really study the data from the Transition Team.
- Participate in leadership of the planning groups for Sunday School, AOB, and High School ministries.
- Charlie asked the group to send Savannah a thank you for her ministry.
- Please help introduce Pastor Susan to members of the congregation when you are at in person worship.

- **Adjournment**

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

- **Lord's Prayer**

- Pastor Chuck led the group in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne M. Baunach". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Anne Baunach
Council Secretary