

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING Minutes

November 29, 2020

(conference call)

Call-in #: 1-774-220-4000

Pin ID: 104-1258

Church Council: (X = present): X Justin Arndt, X Larry Ballwahn, Steve Brandau, Lori Brueggen X Joel Arndt, Tim Deichler; X Angie Gruen, X Bud Osteboe, John Ornes, Also, X Nalani Bever and X Pastor Morris

The Meeting was called to order by President Justin Arndt at 11:00 am.

Opening Prayer: offered by President Justin

Council meeting minutes of October 25, 2020: Motion to accept the minutes as written; Bud Osteboe, Second, Angie Gruen. MC

Financial

October Financial Report: Nalani Bever; We finished the month of November with our current expense offerings in excess of our expenses by \$1,604.94. We have slowly crawled out of the hole and now are in a positive position of \$530.77 for the first eleven months. The chicken dinner had a net profit of \$4,080.82 so we are in a positive position of \$4,611.19.

- November Bills: Motion by Larry Ballwahn, second, Joel Arndt; accept the financial report and pay the November bills. MC

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Pastor's Report:

1. Door Hangers--Pastor suggested that those houses within the range of the church's transmitter have door hangers placed on their front doors. The door hangers would include information about the times for the Christmas Eve services and the church's radio frequency, so people can tune in to the services.

2. Memorial Gift-- The family of Susie Ristow Zewiske (Julaine Summerfield Ristow and Jerry Ristow's daughter, and Linda Ristow Hall's sister) who passed away in 2014, has given a memorial gift to St. Paul's. They asked Pastor to designate how it should be used. Pastor suggested that it be used to purchase copies of a "walk through the Bible" book that we could use in 2021. Pastor is researching which book (title) we would purchase. The intent would be to have some books for the church library and/or to defray the cost of the books for parishioners who will participate.

3. Blue Christmas--December 21 is the longest night. On this evening, several churches have a Blue Christmas service. This is a service for those who are experiencing the loss of a loved one or other losses during this time. The Southwestern Texas Synod has prepared a video service and offered it for our use. The service will be sent to our email list, and if possible, the sermon and bulletin mailed to those without internet access.

4. Vacation--Pastor will take the last week in December as a vacation week. Bishop Arends will provide the sermon for the last Sunday in December. Pastor will prepare the bulletin for the service.

Committee Assignments

- Education Committee (Angie)
- Financial Committee (Tim)
- Property Committee (Steve)

Bud Osteboe, who presently is on quarantine for COVID-19, explained that Every Member Conversation report to the Congregation would be forthcoming shortly after the committee was able to meet.
No other report was given due to the Church hiatus.

- Social Ministry Committee (Bud)
- Worship Committee (Joel)

Old Business

- Church Constitution: Motion to ratify the updated Constitution by Joel Arndt. Second, Angie Gruen. MC
- Organ Repair: Making progress, meticulous job. Searching for some used replacement pipes for those damaged. Church will not be thoroughly cleaned until completion. The congregation will be informed of progress and additional costs.
- Angel Tree: Publicity forthcoming to community at large. Motion by Justin Arndt, second, Joel Arndt and Angie Gruen to designate any money raised by the project, 50/50 to the local food pantry and to ELCA World Hunger.
- Christmas Eve Service: 2:30 pm and 5:30 pm as planned with Joel or Justin Arndt covering the broadcast responsibilities at the 5:30 service.

New Business

- Church Open for Prayer; Nalani will circulate proposed rules to the Council. After adjusting for feedback, they will be implemented. The Handicap entrance will be used.
- Annual Meeting: Motion by President Justin, second, Bud Osteboe, Delay the meeting until we are back at worship in the church. MC

Other Business: It is the consensus of the Church Council that Church income will not be invested in the stock market regardless of interest rates. It must always be held in a secure account. -Nalani is exploring options regarding the Carillon that no longer works properly. -Larry Ballwahn moved, and President Justin seconded that Church Christmas gifts be the same as last year. MC

Adjournment following the Lord's Prayer at 10:55 am on a motion by President Justin and a second by Angie Gruen. Unanimous Consent.

Respectfully Submitted; Larry Ballwahn, Council Secretary