

Church Council Meeting

May 3, 2021

Meeting Commenced at 7:01 p.m.

Matt thanked the council for their understanding concerning his time conflict (Pitt Law Class) from past council meetings.

Attendees: Pastor Mike Robinson, Matt Pritchard, Dan Lebak, Jen Harris, Shirly Mueller, Tina Dunbar, Susan Falk, Michele Snead, John Halley, and Mark Anderson

Devotions

Ezekiel 1:1-14 – PMR focused on the fact that we are entering a transformation phase for the church as we return to a new normal post pandemic

Pastor's Report

- Concern List: Bill Lindner.
- Funeral held for Jessica Palesky on 4/10
- Thanks to Pastor Strobel for helping St. John's during Pastor Mike's vacation (4/19 – 4/23).
- Wedding to be held on Saturday May 8th – Chelsea Wray and Jason Oliver.
- Mother's Day is on May 9th.
- Confirmation will be held on May 16th @ 9:15 a.m.
- Pentecost will be held on May 23rd.
- Jack Hervoyavich and Anthony Guenther will be baptized on May 30th.
- Synod Assembly will be held virtually on June 12th. Looking for three delegates to attend with Pastor Mike – please reach out to Matt / Pastor Mike if anyone is interested.
- Discussed "Becoming a Hybrid Church" book.

Secretary's Report

- Mark Anderson moved to approve the March and April Minutes. Dan Lebak – Second. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Report distributed.
- Highlights
 - Giving down for April
 - Still \$1,000 ahead for the year
 - Expenses just a bit lower than expenses
- New Business to discuss: Schran Fund distribution

President's Report

- Correspondence: None.
- Lighting / AV Projects: Both projects are behind as the suppliers are waiting on parts and equipment to complete their respective projects.

Worship and Music Report

- Report submitted prior to meeting.
- Organ signal system was completed. Holding on Screening work and vibrations until the lighting project is finished.
- Discussed that once the AV equipment is installed, we will have to do the following:
 - Determine weekly service schedule
 - Determine if we are recording, streaming, doing both
 - Reach out to the congregation to see who would like to be trained to support the video efforts. Great way to get involved.
- Communion will resume.
- We will no longer have to reach out to make reservations for church services.
- Committee favorably supported a Church picnic in June or July.
- Fireside to resume after July 4th.

Youth Report

- No report.

Christian Ed Report

- Virtual Sunday School is coming to an end after a year.
- Confirmand interviews have been completed. Planning for confirmation on 5/16 continues.
- Confirmation retreat was held on Saturday 5/1 at North Park. Four students attended. Six other students had other commitments or were not comfortable attending, and one was in quarantine. Matt gave recognition to the Committee for getting creative and keeping kids engaged.

Evangelism Report

- None

Stewardship Report

- Committee Meeting on 5/13.

Social Ministry Report

- Discussed the Church Picnic.

- It was mentioned that having entertainment might be a good way to get people re-engaged. Tina will research the cost for the Polka Meisters.

WOSJ Report

- No report (See attachment)

MOSJ Report

- Men's breakfast (Eggs, Bacon, & Potatoes) will be held on Saturday 5/13 at 8:00 a.m. – all are welcome.

Property Report

- Lighting / AV are listed above.
- Joe Balogi is doing some maintenance / repairs on the boilers.

Finance Report

- None

Old Business

- Dan moved to distribute \$7,000 from the Greater St. John's Fund 2021 to Synod Mission Support – to be paid in quarterly installments of \$1750 per Synod desire.
- Second by Susan Falk.
- No discussion.
- Approved – by unanimous vote.

New Business

- Discussed that we will need to make a decision in June 2021 about the Schran distribution. Options include distributing the \$1792 this year or carrying it over.
- Pastor Mike will purchase 20 copies of "Becoming a Hybrid Church" for the Council / Congregation – Estimated at approximately \$220. Pastor Mike would like Council to read / discuss the book over the next few months.
- Matt mentioned a need (he was approached by a member of the congregation) to support someone going on a medical mission to train those who are disabled in Mexico. Ideas / thoughts are welcome.
- Discussed having the next meeting outside. And, we also discussed that we will follow CDC guidelines regarding mask wearing and work to gauge comfort of the groups meeting / congregation as we move into the next phase of the pandemic.

Closing / Lord's Prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.