

Church Council
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Geneseo, Illinois
Meeting of November 16, 2020

Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jodi Barnhart | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne Calder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lance Camp | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastor Matt Kamprath |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Gesme | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Johanna Hager | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Heller | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastor Laura Kamprath |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jill Laingen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Runty | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Saint Vincent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Sheley |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Slaymaker | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patty Turner | | |

Welcome: Cathy Runty, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Led by Pastor Laura.

Congregational Remarks: None

Minutes: Moved to accept October 19, 2020 minutes by Patty Turner. Seconded by Kathy Heller. Approved. Moved to accept November 4, 2020 special meeting minutes by Patty Turner. Seconded by Linda Sheley. Approved.

Financial Report: October report was approved. Moved by Finance Committee. Seconded by Mike Slaymaker.

Report of the Cabinet: All items are reflected in the agenda.

Ministry Reports:

Building & Property – No report.

Worship & Music – As written.

Christian Education & Youth – No report.

Finance – As written. The committee is looking for volunteers to serve on the committee.

Spirituality/Wellness – As written

Congregational Life – No report.

Stewardship – The team is focusing on the Tuesday evening Advent events.

Outreach – Met via email with Social Ministry.

Social Ministry – As written.

Staff Reports:

- a. Pastor Laura – There was a typo in the report under Current Tasks and Ministry bullet point #8 should read Met with In-person Worship Task Force- new Communion recommendations. This was added to the agenda under New Business. The Pastors will be on vacation Dec 26-Dec 31 and Pastor Mike Clark will preside for worship.
- b. Pastor Matt – As written.
- c. Mary Jo Brummet – As written.
- d. Morgan Sarber – As written.
- e. Abbey Cathelyn – As written.

The Larger Church:

- a. ELCA – www.elca.org – No report.
- b. The Northern Illinois Synod – This week’s service will be provided by the Synod for Christ the King Sunday and will be streamed due to Morgan’s quarantine.
- c. West Conference/Andover Cluster – No report.

Old Business:

- a) 2019 Audit Report – Finance Committee moved to transfer and align all Restricted funds to Charles Schwab, Inc. Seconded by Kathy Heller. Approved. Finance Committee will continue to work with mission Endowment and the Scholarship Committee on the bylaws for these funds. The 2020 audit will be available soon.
- b) PPP Funding Status Update – Forgiveness was awarded. Funds will remain separated at this point.
- c) COVID-19 Mitigation Protocol Feedback – Some members of the congregation are confused by the mitigation. The Pastors are communicating weekly through social media called “First Lutheran Latest”.
- d) 2021 Officers and Nominating Committee – The Nominating Committee has completed the work for the year. Officer candidates have been identified.
- e) 2021 Budget Planning – Ministry budgets have been submitted. The Finance Committee will meet Wednesday to continue to formulate next year’s budget.

New Business:

- a) Funding Request – Abby Cathelyn requested \$534.75 for an ELCA network Extravaganza 2021 educational opportunity in Minneapolis, MN in February 2021. Johanna Hager moved to accept. Seconded by Kathy Heller. Approved. Social Ministry moved for \$500 to be donated to Foster Hope, Inc. for its annual shopping trip for foster children to purchase Christmas gifts for their siblings. Seconded by Mike Slaymaker. Approved. Social Ministry moved for Jul Gott to be given \$750 for the cost of printing supplies and mailing. Seconded by Lance Camp. Approved with an abstention by Kathy Heller.
- b) Constitutional Amendments – Changes to the model Constitution have come from Churchwide Assembly. Those changes will be brought to December’s Council Meeting for action. Discussion of term limits for the Officers were discussed and those changes will also be available for action next month.
- c) 2021 Annual Meeting – Discussion was had to how to hold voting for the Annual Meeting in January. This was tabled until we can get more information from Synod and will be addressed in December.
- d) Communion Recommendations – For the winter months, the Worship Task Force discussed ways to provide communion. Those ideas were rejected at this time.

Adjournment: 8:26 p.m. Adjourned. Motion by Jodi Barnhart. Seconded by Matt Kamprath. Approved.

Closing Prayer: The Lord’s Prayer was led by Pastor Laura.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Schellhase Barnhart, Council Secretary