

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Congregational Council Agenda – April 27, 2020 7pm

Attendance

Greta Blegvad, Jean Hovland, Betsy Williams, Alice Beamer, Charlie Laidlaw-Smith, Mandy John, Joe McDaniel, Anne Daly, Tim Jordan, Al Miller, Kerrill Foster

Excused: Matt Hummel, Denise Crews, Richard Koch, Joe McDaniel

Call to Order

Devotion: John 8: 12 & Matthew 5: 14 Jesus is the light of the world. You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others. Article from Gather Magazine.

Listening to Concerns of the Congregation (limit 15 minutes): An email from Dick Shiels wanted to express the concern for opening the church too soon.

Review of Meeting Minutes from March 16 and March 30, 2020

*Motion to accept the March 16 and March 30 minutes as revised. Motion approved

Committee Reports

Congregational Care: All shut-ins received a phone visit. All Word in Seasons were delivered. Easter and Birthday cards were mailed out.

Mutual Ministry: No Report

WELCA: No Report

Education: No Report

Property: Communicated with Sean and did normal maintenance jobs. Tammy and Hank have been maintaining the existing plantings around the church, but have kept material costs to a minimum

Worship: No Report

Evangelism: No Report

Rental Property: 3 rentals were given payment relief, 2 properties have paid their rent but one is substantially behind and Jim is going to discuss with them.

Youth Ministry: No Report

Four Church Farm: No Report

Technology/Website: No Report

*Motion to accept the committee reports. Motion approved

Treasurer's Report

*Motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion accepted

Pastor's Report

Jodie has asked for Monday and Tuesday off and will return for the rest of the week. We were awarded a Thrivent grant to establish a phone in service (like a podcast) that people will be able to call into from a landline.

Old Business

Best Ideas for St. Paul's included:

1. Phone – Pastor Betsy secured a Thrivent grant to begin a dial up message starting May 9th
2. Mid-week devotion, music, and or Bible study; For the Living of These Days provides announcements, music resources, and inspiration, this goes out by email on Wednesday..

Pastor Betsy offers Philippians Bible Study on Thursday morning at 10:30.

3. Committees need to email reports by Friday before council meets
4. Follow up on Listening post: Constitution committee will reopen when we resume
5. Have a community bible study – maybe downtown After Covid 19 is under control

New Business

Closure/ reopening? We don't likely see opening before June, however that could change depending on how things move along and what the Governor suggests. **COUNCIL WILL UPDATE THE CONGREGATION AS THINGS CHANGE.** The church will remain closed until further notice

What would reopening look like? Making sure safe distances are kept with people in the pews. No contact with each other and refrain from going up to the altar. More ideas to come

How will we communicate our plans? The same or similar ways that communications are being done now. Facebook, email, website, phone calls, etc

How will we address resistance? Making sure that sanitizer and cleaning supplies are readily available and encouraging people to bring their own sanitizers.

*Motion to remain closed until further notice. Council will meet again on the 18th and later in June to re-evaluate. Charlie Laidlaw-Smith. Seconded Ann Daily. Motion approved

Next council meeting May _18_, 2020

Round table/Closing Prayer