



Messiah Lutheran Church of Camrose
Church Council
Monday, May 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Minutes
SHARING JESUS CHRIST WITH ALL PEOPLE

Present: Odell Olson, Charlene Brown, Ivar Saugen, Gail Stolee Members-at-large: Carolyn Andersen, Dave Larson, Chris Hohm, Donny Loewen, Darlene Dahle, Pr. Calvin Skriver, Pr. Bev Swanson

1. Welcome and Opening

- a. Devotions: Darlene shared a message from an inter-faith group of leaders reminding us that in these times Love continues and we are to seek out the common good. We need to act together, lead by example, and not forget the most vulnerable who were with us long before the pandemic. And, we are to earnestly pray for healing and persevere in spite of problems and fears.

MSC that the agenda be adopted with the following additions: Letter from the Council of Christian Charities and ELCIC Bishops; Youth ministry opportunity; and motion of appreciation to music team.

2. MSC that the minutes of the Council Meeting of May 19, 2020 be adopted as printed.

NOTE: Lori spotted an error in the minutes re date of April minutes. Corrected.

3. Forward Planning and Opportunities

- a. Financial statements/Budget for 2020-21

MSC that the *Capital purchase/contingency fund* of \$2,000 and the *Office equipment lease* for \$5,200 be paid from Capital Projects for 1920-21 budget. (These items are currently found in the Support Committee budget.)

MSC that we establish a designated fund for maintenance to include from Worship, *Music instrument maintenance* \$1000; from Support, *Audio visual* \$875, *Inspections* \$7000, *Repair and maintenance* \$8,000, *Repair and Maintenance Computers* \$4,000. (Total \$20,875.)

MSC that we approve the 2020-21 Budget with the approved changes and with the provision that there will be a formal review by Council in six months.

MSC that we recommend to the Annual General Meeting that the available endowment fund interest be directed through the Synod to the support of the Lutheran School Scholarship program in the Lutheran Church in Colombia.

- b. **MSC** that the funds received when the \$75,000 GIC comes due June 28, 2020, be kept as cash.
- c. Nominating committee reports that we do not yet have a treasurer. They will keep working, but will submit their report as it now stands.
- d. Recommendations for endowment fund investments will be made in the coming year as we see what unfolds in the economy and review our options.
- e. The executive and pastors will arrange the logistics of the AGM. The president will recruit the team of auditors from the previous year to do the 2019-20 audit.

5.
 - a. Agreed to defer the recommendation of the Worship Committee to June.
 - b. With regard to the letter from the Council of Christian Charities and the ELCIC Bishops, it was agreed that Bishop Kochendorfer's letter would be provided on the website and in the Messenger so those who wished to write in support of the proposal could do so. Council declined.
 - c. **MSC** that the secretary send a note of appreciation to Tova and the music team.
 - d. Pastor Bev floated an idea for a youth minister. No action taken.
6. Next regular meeting: June 14 following the Annual General Meeting.
7. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.