



Messiah Lutheran Church of Camrose
Church Council
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 7:00 pm
Via Zoom
MINUTES

SHARING JESUS CHRIST WITH ALL PEOPLE

Present: Charlene Brown, David Dahle, Gail Stolee, Chris Hohm, Carolyn Andersen, Dave Larson, Donny Loewen, Lael Olson, Pastor Calvin Skriver, Pastor Bev Swanson

1. President Charlene Brown welcomed Council members at 7:05 pm. Chris Hohm led a devotion based on 1 Corinthians 1:10-17. The devotion discussed the importance of focusing on Jesus and the foundations of our faith, and allowing that we will have differences on peripheral matters.

2. MSC that this meeting be held by ZOOM.

3. MSC that the agenda be adopted with the following

4. MSC that the Minutes of the Council meeting of September 2, 2020 be adopted as printed.

5. Status of our ministries

i. Pastors

1. Pastor Calvin reported that he had attended the ordination of Erin Thomas at Trinity Lutheran, Edmonton. Erin will be the associate pastor there.

2. Pastor Bev reported the regular routine and noted that there will be funeral at Messiah on Friday with both funeral home and Messiah personnel cooperating to ensure the appropriate covid -19 protocols are observed.

ii. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Chris Hohm reported that he is working his into his new position and affirmed that for August, income exceeded expenditures by about \$1300. He and our bookkeeper attended a Zoom meeting for Synod treasurers.

iii. Standing Committees

1. Learning reported that the Adult Class would be deferred to January, but that Sunday School was still scheduled to begin Sept. 27, 2020. To date there are eight people registered for Alpha and all is ready to go. The confirmation team is still working out how confirmation will be organized this year and how Confirmation will take place for the students who have completed their program. Lectio will begin Sept. 21, 2020 following the protocols for small groups. The Learning committee has received two resignations and so is looking for two new members.

2. Service will meet next week at which time Chris will ask if a sitting member would be willing to serve as Council liaison. There are also two openings on the Service Committee.

3. Support reported that they had gone ahead with approximately \$3000 in repairs to the TriCastor system. It was agreed that with the motion at the last AGM to capitalize some maintenance and repairs in designated funds, that it will be necessary to develop policy around the process for accessing those funds.

The Support Committee will present recommendations for facility use and fees to the October Council meeting. This may include information for rental groups regarding safety protocols.

An alternate/back up power source has been ordered for the server.

Dave Larson will compile a list of expiry dates on equipment to assist in budgeting for repair and replacement as equipment ages out.

4. Witnessing reported that the Mission group is being made aware of the Council decision to approve a designated fund for scholarships at the school in Colombia.

5. Worship has been very busy preparing for the re-opening of public worship. Council affirmed the choices and decisions they have made. The Committee will further flesh out guidelines for events.

6. Re-opening went smoothly and those attending indicated that they felt safe and cared for. Approximately 22 persons attended which together with officiants and helpers made for a total of forty people in the building.

7. Other business

i. The treasurer will review our banking arrangements and bring a recommendation to the next Council meeting.

8. Next Meeting

a. Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 7:00 pm
Devotions: David Dahle

9. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Pastor Bev offered a prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer.
Adjourned 8:43 p.m.