



Messiah Lutheran Church of Camrose
Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 17, 2021 7:00 PM
Via Zoom
MINUTES

SHARING JESUS CHRIST WITH ALL PEOPLE

1. President David Dahle opened the meeting with a reading from Mark 13:9-23 and prayed that in these difficult times we carry on as loving disciples of Christ.
2. **MSC** to hold this meeting via Zoom.
3. **MSC** to adopt the agenda presented.
4. **MSC** to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of October 20, 2021.
5. **Unfinished Agenda Items from October 20 Meeting** (*supporting documents are in October 20th Agenda package*)
 - a. **MSC** that a subcommittee of Council plus Pr Bev be formed to develop a draft collaborative agreement between Messiah, Bethesda (New Norway) and Zion (Bashaw) including practical considerations such as costs, financing, sustainability, and roles and responsibilities.
The sub committee will report to Council at the January 19, 2022 meeting. Members of the sub-committee will be David Dahle, Donny Loewen, Dave Stolee, and Pr Bev (advisor).
David Dahle will update the representatives of Bethesda and Zion churches.
 - b. Council did not deem it necessary to approve the plan from the Service Committee for its Caring initiative. **MSC** that Council commends the Service Committee for this initiative.
 - c. **MSC** that we accept all the updated guidelines proposed by the Worship Committee.
These include: Greeter Guidelines (*page 20 of October 20th agenda*), Lector Guidelines (*page 21 of October 20th agenda*), Communion Assistants Guidelines (*pages 24-25 of October 20th agenda*), and Usher Guidelines (*pages 26-27 of October 20th agenda*).
6. **Status of Our Ministries**
 - a. President Dahle reported that he has had many supportive conversations with people on the work Council has been doing around covid.
 - b. Pastor Bev reported that she has been able to have some good pastoral conversations as well around covid issues.
She reported that the Discernment group, in consultation with Faith Nostbakken, has developed a process including key questions. The Discernment process will begin with various groups in the new year. Council will have its turn on January 12, via Zoom.
MSC that the Support Committee be tasked with reviewing all fees and charges. Agreed that approval of their recommendations will be put to an e-vote of the full Council.
 - c. The Treasurer spoke to his report noting that thanks to generous Thanksgiving offerings, we are reducing our deficit. If support continues strong, we may be in a balanced position by the end of the fiscal year. Councillors agreed that given our

financial standing, it is important that we continue to receive financial detail including the draft audit report from Grant Thornton.
The treasurer is continuing to discuss our reserve funds with the Bookkeeper.

- d. **MSC** that we approve the revisions presented by the Worship Committee regarding: i. Communion Preparation and Clean-Up revisions (*Nov.5 committee minutes 18-20*).
MSC that we approve the Worship Committee Update on Messiah's Covid-19 Protocols (*Nov.5 committee minutes, page 21*).
7. The single gentleman we are sponsoring has arrived and is currently in quarantine. The family of four has been delayed, perhaps for six weeks, but is still expected.
8. **Next Meeting:** Discernment: January 12, 2022 7 pm Zoom
Regular Council meeting: January 19 7 pm Zoom Devotion-Donny
9. **Closing Prayer and Adjournment**