

Lutheran Church of the Cross
“Making Jesus Known by Sharing Our Gifts”
Council Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2020

Meeting was called to order by President Krisi

Attendance: Pastor Lisa, Kylie Blanchard, Ron Borth, Janie Hague, Jon Hanson, Krisi Kunz, Mark Kunze, Heather Martin, Scott Sommers, Connie Werner, Art Wheeler

Guests: Murray Sagsveen, Ken Will, Cherie Krueger, Jean Kraft

Devotions: Pastor Lisa led us in prayer

Approval of April Minutes – Kylie B motion/Heather M second/APPROVED

Calendar Review

Report - Pastor Lisa (Separate document)

Report - Director of Discipleship (DOD) Janie (Separate document)

Treasurer’s Report – April report – Scott S motion/Mark K second/APPROVED

1. All bills and statements as of April 30th have been paid.
 - a. All April bank statements have been reconciled and registries are correct.
 - b. Total adjusted income for April was \$35,020.38. Income was \$1,790 less than the budget goal of \$36,810. The income was this close to budget only because \$9,960 was received from a combination of Thrivent support dollars to support the church because of the Coronavirus pandemic. Regular contributions via mail and Vanco were \$22,479.12.
 - c. The April expenses were \$32,251.93. The net income for the month was \$2,768.45. The expenses included \$5,401 for annual insurance premiums. We will not have any additional insurance premiums until September, when the second half of the USLI liability insurance is due.
 - d. I have also included in the report, a full Budget vs. Actual review for April and a Budget vs. Actual for the first four months of 2020. Expenses are all in the normal range, being about \$3,000 less than projected budget for the first four months.
 - e. The contribution to the Western North Dakota Synod for April will be \$1,124. We will have contributed \$9,856 towards the annual goal of \$25,000.
 - f. The SBA PPP Loan has replaced payroll expenses for the second half of April and will replace payroll expenses for May and the first half of June. Our ABC representative requires that replacement expenses be

confined to 8 weeks from April 12 to June 12. My best estimate at this point, is that on June 12, we may have only several hundred dollars left in the dedicated account. Robin's hours and utility expenses are variables in this estimate.

2. Art distributed a Current Cashflow to all members
3. SBA PPP Loan Update
 - a. \$10K balance
 - b. Ken Will raised objection to our applying for the SBA PPP loan, considering it "debt" and hopes that we, as a council, are not setting a precedence for future financial obligations. It is stated in the constitution that before incurring debt, the council must have approval from the congregation.
 - c. Murray Sagsveen clarified the Synods interpretation of the loan application and their determination of a loan versus a grant. If funds are used appropriately, it can be considered as a grant and there are no restrictions on the council to apply for a grant on behalf of the congregation.
4. Pastor Lisa asked about sending out a letter regarding stewardship and continued giving during this time. It was agreed that it would be a good thing to do and Krisi will coordinate with Pastor Lisa on the content of the letter.
5. Ken Will suggested and offered to make phone calls to members, checking on their health and welfare. It was noted that this has been accomplished once, but maybe it should be done again and on a frequent basis.
6. Ken also suggested a campaign of some kind to assist in the stewardship and offering request.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Streaming System Issues – Tom Harris updated us on the streaming issues that we are having, specifically the cameras. Main issue is that we have a lesser quality analog to digital converter that needs to be replaced, as well as analog cameras dating back to 2011.
 - a. \$5.2K remains for media upgrades
 - b. It was suggested that we upgrade the converter as a temporary fix and Tom will present options and estimates at the June meeting.
2. Lawn Care – Jon Hanson will continue the lawn mowing and Ken Will will again spray for weeds
3. Synod Assembly has been moved to July 17. Baron Blanchard and Brett Gurholt are voting members.
4. Congregational Survey. Prior to resuming "face to face" church services, a survey will be sent by email, asking members for their input on process and conditions that they feel necessary for health and safety.

- a. Earliest date for resuming services is June 14 (goal).
 - b. Suggested that a group be appointed to plan the restart.
 - c. Consider outdoor services, but understand there will factors, such as weather and neighborhood noise.
5. Worship & Music committee meets on May 26 at 5:30 and will discuss the restart and what will be required to support it.
6. President Krisi recommended a special council meeting after the survey results are in and discuss restart process. The meeting is scheduled for June 2 at 6:30.
7. Creation of a funeral plan is underway and will be based on advice and recommendations from the funeral homes.
8. Security cameras – There was an issue on the camera phone app and now, for some unknown reason, camera 5 is now camera 6 on the phone app. Connie has visual on all cameras on the monitor in her office. It was discussed and decided that Staff should have the phone app, and others by request, members of Building & Grounds and Council. Let Jon Hanson know if you want the app and he will get the info from Great Plains Security.

Next Meeting: June 16th at 6:30pm

President Krisi adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm

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