

Lutheran Church of the Cross

"Making Jesus Known by Sharing Our Gifts"

Council Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2020

Call to Order by President Krisi (6:35pm)

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

Devotions: Pastor Lisa led in prayer that covered individual concerns during this difficult time

Approval of October and November Minutes

Mark K motion/Kylie B second/APPROVED

Treasurer's Report: (Respectfully submitted by Art Wheeler)

All bills and statements as of November 30 have been paid.

All November bank statements have been reconciled and registries are correct.

Total adjusted income for November was \$26,558.80, which was \$10,319 less than the budget goal of \$36,878. Remember that the October income was much higher due to a significant Charitable Contribution received that month.

The adjusted November expenses were \$26,611.57. We had a net loss of \$52.77. The expenses were adjusted to compensate for the Replacement Media expenses. These expenses were previously reimbursed thru other gifts and designated contributions. I expect December special contributions to bring the Media Replacement line to equal.

I have also included in the report a full Budget vs Actual review for the first 11 months of 2020 (pg 7-9). Expenses are all in a normal range being about \$9,800 less than projected budget for the first 11 months. That's good considering the lesser total income.

The contribution to the Western North Dakota Synod for November will be \$1,168. We will have contributed \$18,734 this year towards the annual goal of \$25,000. There are four business days after the last Sunday in December. I hope to make the WND December contribution before the end of the year.

Of particular note on the Balance Sheet, under Liabilities, is a line Promissory Note Liability 1 for \$20k. With the redemption of Promissory Notes on December 1, that line on the Balance Sheet will be eliminated. This is a great milestone for LCC and a huge thank you to our members. Actual Long Term Liabilities will total \$255,000.

A note to a reimbursement to Art Wheeler was for software updates.

Ron B motion/Heather M second/APPROVED

Pastor's Report

Lisa and Janie participated in the Boundaries Workshop that covered professional relationships, social media and financial concerns. It also resulted in certification and recertification in some of these areas.

Participating in **Text** Study through LSS/Synod, multiple times a week

Contributing to Prairie Faith Devotions

Advent worship on Wednesdays

Counseling in/around town, addressing stress and mental health

Continuing preparations for Christmas services. We received an invite from Good Shepherd to participate in the Blue Light/Darkest Night service on Dec 21 at 6:30 pm. Also received an invite from Lord Of Life and their Drive-by Caroling, you can tune in on FM radio.

Deaths/Funerals: Vivian Dahl, Bryce Hill, Ray Staiger

Deacon's Report

Boundaries Workshop

Tech Study

Devotions

Christmas Youth Program, working on videos

Confirmation and Church School are going well, planning for 2021

Texting youth, checking on them and reconnecting

Local area Youth Directors meeting (virtual), one discussion item will be Vacation Bible School

Old Business

Calling continues to fill the vacant council seats: Scott Sommers, Jon Hanson and Heather Martin. Several names have been identified and will be contacted.

Draft 2021 Budget Approval

The draft budget was discussed at length, with most of the discussion about staff salaries.

After final numbers were discussed, a motion to approve the 2021 Budget was made by Mark Kunze, seconded by Ron Borth and approved 4-2. A request for a roll call vote was made and the results of that vote are:

Yea – Krisi Kunz, Mark Kunze, Kylie Blanchard, Ron Borth
Nay – Jon Hanson, Heather Martin

New Business

Appointment of 2021 Treasurer – Art Wheeler offered and accepted the nomination. **Heather M motion/Mark K second/APPROVED** 2020 Annual Meeting

Date for the meeting is January 24

Will be conducted In-person and Zoom, details will be worked out in the next couple of weeks.

Next Meeting

Annual Meeting – January 24, council organizational meeting immediately after the Annual meeting

Regularly scheduled meeting – **January 12**, 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:44, followed by the Lord's Prayer

Thank you for what you do for Lutheran Church of the Cross!