

Minutes of the Church Council Meeting
Sunday, March 29, 2020
Via ZOOM

Members Present: Pastor Adam Butler, Pastor Paul Shumaker, Nate Martinson, Steph Johnson, Missy Stanley, Shawn Reinke, Loren Meierhoffer and Terry Skoglund.

Called to Order by: President, Nathan Martinson

Devotions: Pastor Paul Shumaker opened in prayer.

January Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Steph Johnson and seconded by Shawn Reinke to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2020 meeting with an amendment to “Called to Order by Nate MARTINSON instead of Nate Rindahl”. [Motion Carried]

Financial Report(s):

- A motion was made by Shawn Reinke and seconded by Terry Skoglund to approve the February financial report. [Motion Carried]

Staff Reports:

Pastoral:

- **Pastor Paul Shumaker** – Working hard trying to get through the struggles of the current COVID situation while still meeting the needs of the church.
- **Pastor Adam Butler** – Thanked the council for graciousness as we try to get through this time of social distancing. Asked for feedback and input regarding the online services, etc.

Board Reports:

Trustees: A few minor repairs to the men’s bathroom were made.

Considering selling the old dishwasher on Craigslist.

Youth & Family: Pastor Adam and Gavin are working on ways to communicate with families.

Deacons: Nothing to report.

Executive Board: Custodial position is open, as Jane Jensen has submitted her resignation. Dave Shumaker has volunteered to do it on an interim basis.

Old Business:

- **Stewardship** – Tabled
- **Columbarium Discussion** – Tabled
- **Child Protection Policy** – Tabled
- **Endowment** – (In progress)

New Business:

- **Building loan deferred payment for April & May, 2020** – The credit union will allow us to defer our payments for April & May, 2020. This will extend the loan for 2 months and will add a bit of interest.

➤ A motion was made by Shawn Reinke and seconded by Missy Stanley to work with the credit union to defer the payments on the building loan for April and May, 2020. [Motion Carried]

- **Future Needs –**

- Communication: Communicate the plan for our church as we navigate the Shelter in Place Order. We will continue to follow the government’s plan (state or national plan, whichever is stricter) and this will be communicated to members in a letter regarding the current financial position. Shawn Reinke will draft this letter and it will be shared on social media as well.
- Financial Impact: Staff has been counting & depositing the offerings. We may need to revisit the policy on offering counting.

➤ A motion was made by Pastor Paul Shumaker and seconded by Shawn Reinke to continue to use our operating account to pay immediate needs. If necessary, we may need to use “Emergency Building Funds” (in Special Funds). [Motion Carried]

- Masks: – The quilting group will be making protective masks for CentraCare staff, if they need. Special funds will be used to purchase supplies.
- Emergency Medical Space: Paynesville Lutheran Church has offered CentraCare the use of some space, if necessary, for extra medical rooms.
- Funerals – Announcement of deaths will be put on our Facebook page. Pastors will generate a policy for the interim.
- Considering a space in our church that can be set up as an area for people in need of food, blankets and supplies. It must be safe and secure with no access into the building itself. This will require some additional thought.

- **Portico Benefits Credit for Pastor Paul** – Received for January and February.
- **Interim Discussion** - Unnecessary right now.
- **Custodial Position**: (See Executive Report above)

Calendar:

Executive:

Youth & Family:

Deacons:

Trustees:

Council: April 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM via ZOOM. (Shawn will send invites.)

➤ A motion was made by Nate Martinson and seconded by Steph Johnson to adjourn. [Motion Carried]

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Skoglund