

Minutes of the Church Council Meeting
Sunday, September 13, 2020
11:00 AM

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

Called to Order by: President, Nathan Martinson

Devotions: Pastor Adam Butler opened in prayer.

Approval of August 2020 Council Meeting Minutes:

- Stephanie Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2020 council meeting. Shawn Reinke seconded. [Motion Carried]

August Financial Report: Pastor Paul Shumaker reminded the council of our decision to maintain two months of mortgage payments in the checking account. It was suggested that any extra funds be added to the mortgage payment when it works.

- Shawn Reinke made a motion to approve the August financial report with a second from Missy Stanley. [Motion Carried]

Staff Reports:

Pastor Paul Shumaker: Again, expressed gratitude to staff and their dedication and flexibility during this pandemic. Reminded council to help celebrate Pastor Adam for his years of service. He is grateful to share a partnership in ministry with Pastor Adam.

Pastor Adam Butler: Working hard getting things ready for PLC Academy and encouraged the council and others to participate.

Board Reports: **Executive** – Presented Pastor Adam with a gift of appreciation for 5-years of pastoral leadership with PLC. Suggested that small committee meetings could be held in person, with masks and adequate social distancing.

Deacons – None

Trustees – None

Youth & Family – None

Old Business: **Stewardship** – In progress

Columbarium – In progress

Child Protection Policy – In progress

PPP Grant/Loan – We will learn shortly about the CARES funds applied for.

Camp Financial Support – Continue to pray for our camps.

Fall COVID-19 Taskforce reopening plan update/discussion – Openly shared some frustrations with current state of the pandemic. Discussed our commitment to follow our plan for reopening. Steph Johnson agreed to make an announcement during service to reiterate the plan and how we came to this position.

Church Garden – Saturday, October 3, 2020 any remaining plants will be removed and grass seed will be planted. Will need some volunteers to help at 9:00 AM. Shawn Reinke and/or Nathan Martinson will make arrangements to have a skid loader available. Shawn will also talk to the city about getting some black dirt to fill in. New sprinkler heads will be needed for the grass.

- Shawn Reinke made a motion to use funds from the Flower Garden Fund to cover any expenses that might incur from the garden transition. A second was made by Nathan Martinson. [Motion Carried]

New Business:

- **Confirmation Sunday** – Traditionally has been held on Reformation Sunday at PLC.
- Given the current recommendations by the CDC in regard to large-group gatherings, Loren Meierhofer made a motion to delay confirmation until Spring 2021. A second was received by Shawn Reinke. [Motion Carried]
- **Staffing** - Pastor Paul suggested we begin the process to fill the custodial and high school youth director positions. Personnel Committee will put together the job descriptions.
- **Annual Meeting** – Start thinking about HOW this can happen. How can we make it work? Constitutional amendments need to be communicated to the congregation in November.

Calendar:

Executive:

Youth & Family:

Deacons:

Trustees:

Council: Sunday, October 11, 2020 following service. (Wear masks!)

- A motion was made by Shawn Reinke and seconded by Nathan Martinson to adjourn. [Motion Carried]

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Skoglund