

Chisago Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
January 14, 2021

Opening Prayer/Evening Meditation: Pastor Taryn led devotions based on John 1: 43-51.

Members Present: Gary Anderson, Janie Briggs, Steve Grossman, Ethan Johnson, Lee Peterson, Jenni Runte, Katie Schneider, Pastor Taryn, Dave Reed

Members Absent: none

Jenni Runte moved to approve the agenda. Katie Schneider seconds. All in favor. The agenda stands as written.

Steve Grossman moves to approve the December Minutes. Dave Reed seconds. All in favor. The December Minutes stand as written.

Treasurer's Report:

- Thanks to generous giving, the Payroll Protection loan, and the CARES grant, we finished the year \$32,553 ahead.
- We are still waiting to hear if we need to pay back the money from the Payroll Protection Loan or if it will be forgiven.
- Gary Anderson moves to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jenni Runte seconds. All in favor. The Treasurer's Report stands.

Pastor's Report:

- Overview of Year of Renewal: congregation one-on-one conversations are happening, community, what did we hear during the one-on-ones--do we need to revisit our core values and mission
- Wonderful services over Christmas – the Drive-Up worship was fun, complete with fireworks. Lessons learned on the radio transmitter, parking of cars, etc.
- Nominating Committee – invitations are being made. Still working on the final ballot.
- Continue to meet with Renewal Cohort, next gathering in late January.
- Personnel – narrowed applicants down to 4, Zoom interviews next week.
- Grumpy Old Men worship – February 14th. Drive-up/outdoor service in the lower parking lot, in connection with the Celebration of the Lakes events.
- Prepping for annual meeting and the Zoom option.
- Leading “12 Tiny Things” book group and discussion for 12 weeks, using Zoom and Facebook Groups. Over 80 people in the group, participating in various ways. Great first meeting last night.
- Joined a pastor's Centering Prayer group. Grateful for the accountability and quiet space each week.

Committee Reports

- Property
 - There was an unplanned dishwasher expense at the parsonage.
- Resurrection Committee
 - The committee does not have any recommendations to change our worship model at this time.

Old Business

- Annual Meeting
 - Council reviewed the policies and procedures for having the annual meeting during a pandemic. This information will be sent to members prior to the meeting.
- Mission Support Request
 - Janie Briggs motions to give \$5000 from 3M Outreach to Synod's Mission Support Request. Gary Anderson seconds. Discussion ensued. All in favor. Motion passes.

New Business

- Adoption of Budget
 - Steve Grossman moves that we offer "general fund" rather than undesignated as an option for bequests.
 - Steve Grossman moves that we increase the Christian education budget to \$1,200 and that a line item be created to cover "other income" from bequests and faith based giving.
 - Lee Peterson moves that we add approximately \$25,000 to "other" income in anticipation that we convert the undesignated funds which are coming to the general fund; and that we take our \$31,000 of the 2020 surplus and apply it to the 2021 year's budget; and that we acknowledge the PP loan and believe 80% of the loan will be forgiven, and we will only have to pay back \$9,000. Jenni Runte seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
 - Lee Peterson moves that we accept the practice that when undesignated funds are received by the church we ask the giver to apply them to the general fund before designating them to 3M. Gary Anderson seconds. All in favor. The motion passes.
 - Gary Anderson moves to approve the 2021 budget, Steve Grossman seconds. All in favor

Lee Peterson thanks Dave Reed and Janie Briggs for their services as treasurer and secretary, respectively.

Gary Anderson moves to adjourn. Jenni Runte seconds. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27

Respectfully submitted,
Janie Briggs, Secretary