

## Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting

March 16, 2021

**Present:** Carrie Lewis, Charlsie Burud, Erica Atkinson, John Butgereit, Pete Fiske, Roger Guttormson, Bethany Jensen, Joel Lawson, John Thompson, Andrew Huettl, Pastor John Streccius, Pastor Natasha Woitzel-Kolles

**Absent:** Kristi Burgess

Meeting called to order by Vice President Charlsie B at 6:27pm

**Check in and Devotions:** Provided by Pastor John

**Introductions:** None needed

**Executive Session:** Not needed

**Approval of Agenda:** Carrie L made the motion to approve the agenda, Joel L seconded. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Visitors-** Chris Torgeson

**Secretary's Minutes-** John B made the motion to approve the Secretary's minutes, Bethany J seconded. Motion carried.

### **Pastors' Reports**

Pastor John enjoyed recent vacation time spent with family. He has performed baptisms and funerals in the past month and has recently been able to get back into Edgewood Vista for services. He continues to wait for other facilities in town to let outside clergy in for services. He has two seniors who will be graduating this spring.

Pastor Natasha has also enjoyed recent vacation time with family. She too has performed baptisms and funerals in the past month. She is busy preparing for Easter and beyond. She maintains a position on the Board at Lutheran Campus Ministries where they are working on fundraising. She continues to work on continuing education related to self-care.

**Faith Formation Reports:** Starting to plan in person activities for families of church school children. Chris T stated she is pleased with the participation from church school families while still virtual. Kortni P continues to work with 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders both virtually and in person.

**Committee Reports:** Nothing to report

**Treasurer's Reports:** Numbers show that we are close to our budget with the offerings up to this point in the year. Pete F made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Joel seconded. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

**Reconciling in Christ:** Hoping for the opportunity to attend in person in the fall but if not, will look into online options

**Employee Handbook:** Charlsie B, Carrie L, and Pastor John will review the handbook and make any revisions needed

## **New Business**

### **New Council members:**

Charlsie Burud- 2 year term- 2023

Erica Atkinson- 3 year term- 2024

John Butgereit- 3 year term- 2024

Roger Guttormson- 2 year term- 2023

Bethany Jensen- 2 year term- 2023

John Thompson- 3 year term- 2024

Andrew Huettl- youth- 2022

**Treasurer position:** Erica Atkinson elected Treasurer

**Bookkeeper position:** Mary Lauinger, employee at Brady Martz, hired as the new Bookkeeper

**Paperwork for new signers:** Signatures gathered after the meeting

**Mail and/or email packets:** Will continue to email meeting packets to the Council prior to the meetings

**Changes to gathering guidelines:** Masks will still be required for in person events. Live streaming services will still be offered. Motion made by Bethany J to hold capacity at 50% or 150 members and staff in the sanctuary and 60 in the overflow. Seconded by John B, motion carried.

Class rooms and other gathering rooms will be labeled with capacity limits: two small classrooms capacity of 10 each, workroom capacity of 6, and youth room capacity of 15. This will allow small groups to pick which rooms will best meet their needs. This motion was made by Bethany J, seconded by Carrie L. Motion carried.

In situations where food is requested by groups, a dedicated person will need to serve the food following guidelines of wearing masks and gloves. Capacity guidelines will also need to be followed, a copy of the guidelines will be provided to each group and a representative for the group will be required to sign that they understand the guidelines. This motion was made by Bethany J, seconded by Erica A. Motion carried.

**Building use request:** The following building use requests have been approved

Margaret Huettl- Eagle Scout Ceremony

Stepping On- Fall prevention through the Extension Office

Summer Speech/Language Therapy- Motion made by John B to require any proof of liability they may have as well as charge \$100 per month for building use and necessary cleaning, seconded by Pete F. Motion carried.

**Fall Stewardship Program:** The Western North Dakota Synod is partnering for GSB Consulting to help with stewardship and training. With this inclusion, we will receive a discounted group rate. Pete F motioned to accept inclusion into this partnership, Roger G seconded. Motion carried.

**God's Work. Our Hands:** Annual service project that takes place in September and includes ELCA congregations. Discussion ensued regarding who best to organize this from our congregation.

**Youth Trip:** Senior LYO church members requested an organized church trip following high school graduation. Due to Covid guidelines and the uncertainty of guidelines at potential destination areas, motion to deny this request made by John B and seconded by Bethany J. Motion carried. It was mentioned that Kortni P is looking into other options that may be available locally for potential day trips in the summer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Carrie Lewis, Secretary