

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020
7:00 PM - EVERYONE'S LIVING ROOM**

Members Present: Joey Warta, Ken Varland, Bret Johnson, Kathy Lund, Susan Krogstrand, Bob Gruenhagen, Maxine Remme. Pastor Kathy Ulland-Klinkner

1. Call to Order – Joey
 - a. Attendance / Roll Call – see above
2. Opening Prayer/Devotions: Pastor Kathy. Read from Phillipians 4
3. Any Additions to the Agenda:
 - a. Bret Johnson brought us update on the change of insurance policies. We are now being insured by Church Mutual which includes workman's comp and other details. The annual savings will be in the neighborhood of \$4200.00
 - b. No other additions
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Pastor Kathy Report
 - b. Staff/committee Report
 - c. Updates to the Council

This report was rolled into one by Pastor Kathy

- Confirmation will be up and running for students through 12th grade
 - A video will be made for students to view prior to classes. Small group discussions will be held with leaders to discuss and study the content of the video
 - An attempt to confirm those students that missed last spring is tentatively set for November.
 - Asked about computers being updated. The Endowment Committee allowed \$3000.00 for this project. Pastor Kathy asked that we use that money and upgrade computers for Pastor Dave, Jen and Lynsey. Motion by Bret and seconded by Ken to use the money to replace computers for Pastor Dave, Jen and Lynsey. Discussion followed. It was decided to do this immediately and Joey would secure some quotes for laptop computers. MSP
 - Scott had asked for some help as he was working on the roof. Joey volunteered to help.
 - The Pastors have had 2 Funerals and both went very well and vert smoothly
 - There are Baptisms coming in the near future.
5. **Financial Report** – Bret Johnson
 - Will send out financial statements tomorrow
 - Copier Lease was changed and saved money
 - Donation of 560 bushels of corn was made. Bret will sell the corn tomorrow.
 - Do we need an amendment to the constitution to cover donations such as this. Joey will check current constitution.
 6. **New Business**
 - a, Tree House Rent
 - Pam has asked for a reduction in her rent due to low numbers enrolled in program
 - Current rent is \$481.39 with the 3% increase. Summer rent is \$238.00
 - Motion by Bret and seconded by Bob to allow Tree House rent be the same as her summer rent for the 1st semester. We will review it at that time to see if enrollment has increased. MSP

- b, Youth Study Book Report – Pastor Kathy
 - Growing Young book review
 - Kathy has been asked to serve on a Synod committee to do continued work on how the strategies, etc. can be used in congregations
 - Good for 15 to 29 years of age. Working to bring this age group more engaged in the church
 - The staff is currently reading it, when they have finished reading the book the staff will help expand to others.
 - It will help develop a plan to reach that age group and will also be good for all age
- c and d. Health Committee Report and September services recommended by Health Committee
 - These two topics were basically the same and brought much discussion by the Council.
 - Recommended 100 people per service – many questions and concerns as to how the 100 would be determined. How can we turn people away.
 - There will not be buses on Wednesdays. Parents will be responsible to bring students to church. Concerns about who can come in. Can Parents come in with students or do staff meet them at the door?
 - Staff suggested two sessions for students on Wednesdays. One group from 3:30 to 4:15 and the second group from 5:00 to 5:45. Concerns: Is there enough time between sessions for proper sanitizing and getting fresh air circulating, etc.
 - Sunday School (Faith Formation) would have groups meeting after each service. Also Home Study part of Sunday School. Again concerns about how registration would be handled and again the sanitizing following each session.
 - A question about starting Worship in the sanctuary was tabled. We will continue outdoor services through Rally Sunday (Sept. 13th).
 - Discussion concerning use of masks

After all the concerns, questions, suggestions which became a part of the above topic it was decided Each of us needed time to digest all of the information and come together again to make final decisions.

Also giving the staff time to tweak some of the programs as well.

7. **Unfinished Business:** There was none.
8. **Communication to Congregation:** An article in upcoming Sidelites will give information to Congregation regarding final decisions of programs, dates, times.
9. **Next meeting:** September 9th at 6:00 PM. (Note change of time)
10. **Closing Prayer/adjournment:** Motion by Ken and seconded by Bob for Adjournment,
11. **Pastor Kathy offered the closing prayer.**

Respectfully submitted by Maxine Remme, Church Council Secretary