

February 25th Council Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Pastor Kathy, Ken, Nancy, Joey, Bret, Chip, Bob, Maxine, Kathy L.
Absent: Susan

Call to Order: 7:00

Devotions – Kathy L

Agenda Additions: Treehouse Preschool added to agenda by Ken

Chip made motion to approve January minutes, second by Bob. Motion passes.

Nancy Wichman was welcomed to council as new council member.

Consent Agenda

Pastor Kathy

- Fat Tuesday drive through event was a success, 217 treats handed out. Thanks to Carolyn Drexler and Jen for their work in making the 300 quilt squares with cross, positive feedback
- 2 options for Wednesday lenten services, 12:15 in person and 7:00 worship online
- Staff is doing well
- Noted that on March 11th it would be 1 year since we last met without restrictions

No other staff or committee reports

Financial Report moved to later in agenda

New Business

- Annual meeting election results. Ballots were counted by Aleda Warta, Harold Remme and Jen, nearly all that were mailed out were returned and all returned were valid ballots.
- Conference Assembly – let Pastor Kathy know if you are able to attend
- SW Synod Lay Leader meetings – Ken indicated these are very good meetings and would be beneficial for any council member. Recordings of the meetings are available and discuss topics such as the role of technology as part of church life going forward, the unknowns that still exist with the pandemic and the reminder to be respectful of the choices of church members as we continue forward. Joey also has a link for these meetings.
- PPP Loan – there was a question at the Annual Meeting as to whether or not we would qualify for the new PPP loan. Research was done and Ken reported we will not qualify for the second PPP Loan.

Financial Report

- Bret reported February looks better than January; one more Sunday in February so full month of giving is not yet available
- Nancy asked if we had dollars set aside/available for anticipated higher utility bills. Bret responded that the dollars will come from our general fund. It was noted Scott has been doing a good job managing/balancing utility levels.
- Bret will send out the YTD graph once it is available.

New Business Continued

- Tree House Preschool – they notified us they qualified and received PPP Loan. Discussion was held regarding the modified rent that has been approved through May. No change was recommended and no action needed.
- Living Meadows Annual Meeting – Joey received election ballot and has it completed and returned.
- 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee – Pastor Kathy led discussion regarding the formation of this committee and need to put it together soon with our 75th celebration in 2022. Further discussion was held regarding forming 2 additional committees; one to plan a Post Covid Celebration and one to lead a Building Fund Campaign.
 - Joey made a motion to create 3 ad hoc committees (75th Anniversary Celebration, Post Covid Celebration, Building Fund). A second to the motion was made by Maxine. Discussion was held regarding finding chairs for each committee. Maxine would like to participate on the 75th Anniversary Committee and will contact Annette Haynes. Ken will contact Darlene Meier about chairing the Post Covid Celebration, Bob will call Harold Remme and Pastor Kathy will call Deb Kahler about leading the Building Fund committee. With no further discussion, Ken called for approval of the motion and it was approved.
- Technology Committee – Ken indicated he would like to put together a proposal for a technology team.
 - Maxine made a motion for Ken to write a proposal that would include technology needs, goals and financial needs of a Technology Team. Nancy seconded the motion, discussion held and motion passed.

Bob suggested adding information about the ad hoc committees to future bulletins and SideLights. Pastor Kathy will take care of getting this information to Jen.

Next meeting is March 25th at 7:00PM

Ken asked for motion to adjourn, Joey made motion, Maxine second, motion passed

Pastor Kathy gave closing prayer.