

Tree of Life Church Council Minutes/ Retreat
at Solberg Residence

Saturday, June 12, 2021 9:00 AM

Members present: President Jack Zimmer, Vice-President Kevin Solberg, Secretary Russ Bliese, Sandy McCarthy, Tom Gros, Richard Schaper, Julie Timmins, Pat Rowe, Pastor Chris Lake, Peggy Little.

Absent: Jim Lemaux, Heidi Beckham

Visitors: Office Manager Jill Waldrop and Bishop Mike Rinehart

The Council conducted a retreat for planning purposes and to hold the June Council meeting. The report of the planning meeting is contained in a separate document. The minutes of the council meeting follow.

Council Meeting:

A. President Jack Zimmer called the meeting to order@ 1:40 PM.

B. Consent Agenda

- I. Motion: Adoption of Agenda
- II. Motion: Approval of Minutes (April 19, 2021)

MOTION: J Timmons moved to accept the Consent Agenda; Little seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

C. Financial Reports

I. Monthly statements (April/May 2021)

Lemaux was not present but had prepared a financial report. There were no red flags observed. Expenses were \$5,000 under projection. The balance sheet was the same and the PPE loan helped with salary and other direct expenses

MOTION: Pat Rowe moved to accept the Financial Report and Gros seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

D. Pastoral Report

Pastor Chris reported that the regional ELCA Synod meeting at TOL went well. Bunny will be doing CPE this Summer and Carrie received a call to Madison WI. PC was on vacation and was in Nebraska where he met with several farmers who through God's hands may help Kings Embrace in Kenya. Progress is being made on obtaining funding for the Walking Tractor, as well. Jill's father had a stroke and therefore, will be out the following week to go and see him. Member Dave Cox passed away with the funeral to be held at TOL. A member's granddaughter overdosed and passed away, she was in her 20's. Richard Schaper lost his sister. There are several TOL children working at Luther Hill this Summer. The insurance company paid \$2500 for the contents inside of the Synod's stolen trailer being stored in our parking lot and will be given to the Synod. Lights for the parking lot where the trailers are located were ordered. There will be no VBS this year. The

Mutual Ministry team of Susie Rust, Jack Zimmer, John Stephenson and Dennis McConnel was accepted with the motion by Peggy Little and seconded by Timmons. All were in favor and the motion passed.

E. Old Business

I. COVID Task Force Update

Everything is going well during the church service on Sunday. There has been no spread of COVID at the church. Masks are currently not required in church.

II. Memorial Walk/ Prayer Path Update

Pastor Chris advised that there are issues with the laser on engraving the stones. A device was purchased to remove the stones from the path.

F. New Business

I. Congregational Second Quarter Meeting:

The 2nd quarter meeting will be held on August 22.

II. Background check for counters. There will not be a background check conducted on counters due to there being checks and balances already in place. Julie Timmons made the motion and was seconded by Rowe to do away with background checks on the counters. All were in favor and the motion passed.

III. Council members divided up the week to pray for someone or something connected to TOL or not. Pastor Chris will contact the person scheduled on that day of the week when something comes up.

G. Jack Zimmer adjourned the meeting at 2:35 PM and Pastor Chris closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bliese

Council Secretary