

Tree of Life Church Council Minutes

Monday, March 22, 2021 6:30 PM ZOOM Meeting

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

Visitors: Office Manager Jill Waldrop

A. President Jack Zimmer called the meeting to order@ 6:33 PM. Pastor Chris read Psalm 51.

B. Consent Agenda

I. Motion: Adoption of Agenda

II. Motion: Approval of Minutes (February 22, 2021)

III. Motion: Ratify New Members:

MOTION: Julie Timmins moved to accept the Consent Agenda; Schaper seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

C. Financial Reports

I. Monthly statements (February 2021)

Lemaux reviewed the February financial statement, indicating that the February income was \$25,340 and expenses were \$41,731 for a loss of \$16,390. Peggy

Little has stepped down from her Assistant Treasurer position.

MOTION: Peggy Little moved to accept the Financial Report and Kevin Solberg seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

II. Stimulus Package PPP Update on Grant

Lemaux reported the second quarter showed a loss of 33% in the 2020 budget which is over the 25% loss threshold required. The amount requested from PPP is \$29,154.78 and the paperwork was submitted on March 11, 2021.

III. Adopt A Project

Lemaux advised that the funding requested to purchase additional cameras has been provided by congregation members.

D. Pastoral Report

Pastor Chris reported that a trailer parked in the church parking lot was stolen. The trailer was owned by the synod and contained several generators. The trailer was insured and a police report was made. Pastor Chris advised that the teaching class was phenomenal and he will do it again. Pastor Chris advised that a homeless family slept in a trailer on church grounds during the Ice Storm. Monday-Thursday and Easter services are planned to include communion with individual cups. Kings Embrace is requesting funding of \$1,500 for a walking tractor with no decision made at this time. It was observed on camera, a congregation member placing tree limbs and branches in the church dumpster. Waste

Management will not pick up the trash if this type of debris is in the container. Jack Zimmer advised that he will speak with the member to have the debris removed. The YMCA would like to rent the education building for the summer. The contract was reviewed and the YMCA will provide liability insurance. Pastor Chris stated the YMCA wants a multi-year contract but the recommendation is for a one-year contract and see how things go before renewing the contract. Pastor Chris stated this is a win-win situation. Pastor Chris made a motion to accept the contract and Heidi Beckham seconded. 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. There will be an upcoming meeting about possible changes regarding requirements in church. Mask will be required until May 30, 2021 with no more temperature taking or reservations required. We will follow the current rules in place for C.I.S.D.

II. Memorial Walk/ Prayer Path Update

There was a sale of a stone for \$500.

III. 2021 Planning Retreat

No set date yet with possible face to face meetings after Memorial Day.

IV. Garage Sell

A check was delivered today in the amount of \$6,574 for items sold during the garage sell. More items will now be collected to fill up the empty container. A possible garage sell will be held in the Fall if enough items are collected.

F. New Business

I. Ministry Teams and Council Liaison Assignments:
Nothing new to report.

II. The ELCA Synod Assembly will be held at Tree of Life in May 2021. The Chairman will be Pastor Ryan Dockery.

G. Jack Zimmer adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM and Pastor Chris closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bliese

Council Secretary