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APPROVED Council Meeting Minutes – April 28, 2021

Call to Order – Purpose Statement & Guiding Principles.

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

In attendance:

- Pastor Brett Ballenger
- Walter Stridick, President
- Allison Arber, Vice-President
- Kim Syvertsen, Secretary
- Beth Gebhart
- Josh Groff
- Alex Groff
- Rob Herb

Not in attendance: Wayne Grant, Lorraine Hoilien, and Michael Parker

Faith5 - Prayer Concerns & Invocation

Minutes of the April 28 meeting have been received by council with one correction to ending time.

Discipleship Growth of our Leaders

Exodus 1:9-21

Stewardship Principals

Manna/equity vs. equality

Cooperative working

Trust God will provide

Ministry Updates

Stewardship Ministry – Allison – did not meet

Property Ministry -Rob – See report.

- Snow removal bill was higher than in the past due to more snow. Looking for a new snow removal company. Rob moved to increase the \$5000 to \$8000 budget for grounds maintenance by \$3000
 - Beth Seconded
 - Motion passed by unanimous consent
- The property team members are getting older, and we need to involve more people in taking care of the property. Josh recommends putting together a list of tasks that need to be completed.
- Evesham Township wants to purchase a portion of church property that backs up to the fire department building. This would fall under eminent domain, and this land purchase would be part of a larger redevelopment plan for downtown. More information about this will be forthcoming as the process unfolds.
- Getting updated quotes on ionization generation system for the filtration system for inside the church which will be very helpful during Covid as well as cold and flu season.

Worship and Music – Michael absent – If worship will be cancelled, notification will go out at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. If nothing goes out, in person worship will be on. If in person is cancelled, worship will automatically go to Zoom.

Finance Ministry – Wayne absent – Pauline will be at the next meeting to explain reports. We are ahead because several members give their annual giving amount at this time. We seem to be following a normal pattern of giving.

Youth Ministry – Alex – Will continue plant beds with confirmation group. Monday night Alex and Josh weeded all the beds and they look great. There are a few plants growing now, but they will need to be replanted. Property will get a set of keys made for Alex. Tyler had money left over from last year to purchase plants and they are growing plants from seed now.

Addictions and Mental Health Ministry – Lorraine absent. Table for now.

Building Community – Beth – Friday the Book Smiles outdoor book bin will be delivered. We are just collecting children's books. We have the bin for a period of time, but if we want it for longer, we have to purchase it. This collection is in cooperation with Nafshenu. The book bin will be put by the back door where the blue bin is now. A little library box is in the works at the moment. A local artist is going to build the little library. No one on the committee wants to meet until we are back to meeting in person.

Family and Education – Kim – See report. We continue to meet weekly to plan for weekly Discipleship Practice. Confirmation class meets weekly also. Working on a plan to meet with children who will be preparing for First Communion. Plans are underway for VBS ~ more to follow.

Social Missions Ministry – Josh – Did not meet this month. Josh will meet with Pastor Brett and Scott to go over details of ministry.

Financial health of the congregation – members will be present next month to go over reports.

Witnesses from the congregation. Jessie reports being so grateful for time with Pastor Brett. People enjoyed having Scott lead worship online while Pastor Brett was away. Many people report how happy they are that we are singing again at our outdoor worship.

Pastor's Report - Holy Week and Easter outdoors. It was weather challenged. It was cold and wet. A bit disheartening but had good moments as well. We have hope now that the Covid numbers are beginning to drop. Special thanks to Rob and Carol Herb and the Hoiliens for taking care of the tents. It is time to put together the schedule for the whole year. First communion is looking differently and there are several activities to complete along with in person learning time. There may be several opportunities to receive first communion as opposed to one big class. Pastor Brett will be making an appointment sign-up schedule for people to meet with him at the church. Priority will be given to those who are not able to Zoom or attend in person.

Unfinished business: Synod assembly will meet on Zoom on May 7 and 8. Kim and Beth will represent POP.

Standing ministries:

Safety Team – Decided that we will continue our current ways until mid-June when the team will meet again to make further decisions about the building opening. Will be developing a FAQ sheet.

Other standing ministries tabled.w

Ad Hoc Drumheller committee is meeting on Sunday, May 2.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 26.
Passing of Peace – Beth led us in closing prayer
Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Executive Board meeting is May 12th.

Kim Syvertsen, Secretary