

Church Council, 1-11-2022, on Zoom

Present: Linda Wakefield, Amy Simper, Christy Reinking, Ben Little, Julie Cope, Craig Bolt, Catheryn Carlson, Dave Drake, Sally Brown, Ruth Hendricks.

Absent: Doug Muschett, Kevin Clarke.

- 1) The opening reflection was about things we are thankful for.
- 2) Council was notified that our e-mail vote to refinance the LOTM mortgage, has been rescinded. Turns out that there is an enormous amount of work involved with very little saving. Council approved the rescinding of the former vote.
- 3) November minutes are approved. It is noted that there was no December council meeting.
- 4) Council accepts the resignation of Leslie Walker.
- 5) There are excess funds from the 2021 budget, largely due to our not having a pastor. An amount of \$82,000 will be rolled over into the 2022 budget, with \$10,000 already approved by council as spent for the moving expenses of Pastor Kate. The amount of \$12,000 will be allocated by the new council at their first meeting in February. Council approved of this.
- 6) Worship and Music Committee reported that they have developed a process for how to handle Sunday services in case the choir is sick. Music is an important part of service, but we can function in emergencies without it.
- 7) The nominating committee is contacting members of the congregation who will consider joining council.
- 8) Council approves expense of \$200 to Pastor Lydia for the work she did in planning Christmas Eve services. This will come from Council Reserves. Even though the services had to be cancelled due to weather, Pastor Lydia did all the planning for those services.
- 9) Building and parking lot use guidelines are a work in progress. Council is in accord with what has been put together so far.
- 10) Family leave policy has been tabled to the February meeting.
- 11) Council approved the proposed 2022 budget which will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on January 30.
- 12) Healthy Beginnings, which Linda Wakefield has agreed to be on, will be tabled to February to get one or two more people in the group.
- 13) For Synod Assembly in the spring, one female and one male from the congregation are needed to attend. Pastor Kate will also attend.
- 14) We are notified that there will be a curling event in February at the Little's house and pond.
- 15) Christy gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wakefield, Thanks for the memories!