



St. Luke's Council Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2020

Revised

Present: Carolyn Andrews, Pastor Carl Hoppman, Paul Maki, Carole Vance (for Evangelism), Marlene Kiser, Bob Behr, Karen Linfor

Absent: Christina Hisamoto, Clarence Korhonen, Laura Pierson, Samantha Basquez, Linda Duffek, Cathy Davis, Shirley Prouty

In an effort to keep everyone safe due to the recent outbreak of the Corona virus, a safe distance between attendees was in place.

The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn at 7:00pm.

Pastor Carl opened the meeting with prayer. Pastor Carl recited the St. Luke's Mission Statement.

Pastor's Report to the Council:

COVID-19 concerns: The CDC urges that there be no gatherings over 50 people except for some day-to-day business and education until the middle of May. The governor urges those over 65 to stay at home for the time being.

Motion by Pastor Hoppman: "I move, effective immediately, that St. Luke's Lutheran Church, suspends worship and other activities through Tuesday, April 14th, at which time the church Council will appraise the situation. The church office will be closed, and all community activities that take place at the church site will be suspended for the same period of time."

Motion seconded by Marlene. Motion carried.

Karen will send a note to the choir – Pastor will write a letter to the congregation.

Board Reports:

Worship & Music

Report on file

Youth:

Report on file

Treasurer's Report:

Bob Behr reviewed as follows:

No major call outs, expenses in line with budge and noted income was not at budget for the month. PG&E a little higher. Noted that copier usage expense should be monitored to ensure that it is as close to budget as possible.

Financial Secretary Report:

Report on file

W-ELCA:

No report required

Property Board:

Report on file

Evangelism:

Report on file

Pastor Carl:

Pastor distributed a letter from the Sierra Pacific Synod regarding the COVID-19 pandemic in which the Bishop urges **“all our congregations and ministries to suspend worship and other activities through Palm Sunday, April 5th, and possibly beyond that date. I am also encouraging church offices to be closed and all community activities that take place at church sites to be suspended for the same period of time.”**

There was a discussion regarding paying Jane, Rochelle, Janitors. President Carolyn said that it would be counterproductive to cut staff pay. Carolyn also indicated that these staff members can and should apply for unemployment benefits, and the state of California has indicated that there will be no wait time.

Pastor had an example of Communion “sets” (small wine/wafer) at a cost of \$155.00 which he wishes to purchase with Council approval, as well as a camera and tripod or sharing on-line services. Motion by Marlene, seconded by Karen to approve and round up to \$500.00 to cover taxes. Motion carried.

Finance:

Chairperson, Paul Maki stated that with board approval, an account has been opened with the ELCA Credit Union, although it might be prudent to postpone further action until we see how the economy reacts to the current worldwide situation. Pastor stated that funds should not be tied up at this uncertain time. Paul also stated that in doing his research, he found that a number of credit unions do not assist “non-profit” organizations at all.

Electronic Giving:

Paul Maki indicated that this option for giving might be in place by Easter.

A quick “February Council Minutes” approval was noted.

There being no other business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned by President Carolyn at 8:00 with the Lord’s Prayer, without holding hands.

Respectfully submitted,

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