

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER --- CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 8, 2022
6:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Council Members: Tammy Davis, Jennifer Harms, Monte Hopper, Peggy Juba, Kevin Keup, Codi Martin, Justin Ruesch, Bev Splinter, Laurie Tennis. Advisory: Pastor Kent Stillson, Pastor Dave Nerdig

Call to Order by Tammy D. Council Pres.

Welcome New Council Members

- Binders / Pictures / Mailbox
- Expectations of Church Council- support of the congregation. Come with ideas. Bylaws & recommendations. Members of council need to voice their concerns.
- Google Docs
- Committee Assignments

Approve Agenda- motion to approve by Justin R. Second by Bev S. Motion carried.

What's On Top?

Opening Devotions: Tammy D

Approve January Council Meeting Minutes- Motion by Bev S. Second by Laurie T.

Approve January – Treasurer's Reports- Motion to approve by Bev. S. Second by Codi M. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Kent

Pastor Dave- questions on Call committee timetable. May take 5-10 mo.

Old Business:

Sign Contract for GSB consultant for Strategic Planning-discussion on needing to know what is in the contract. Monte, Tammy & Peg will review the contract.

Strategic Planning Leadership Team Recruitment – Justin R. - Names: Codi Martin, Kerry Stager, Dan Albertsen, Gary Grewing, Dana Stimson, Justin Hanson. Will call one more candidate.

Discuss Progress in Securing an Interim Senior Pastor

- Preaching assistance twice a month, in the meantime, to give Pastor Dave a break.

- Pulpit supply- persons to fill in to give the break. If anyone knows of a pastor that can help please let us and synod know.

New Business:

Contract with retired Pastor Hans Sacrison, to officiate for 3 – 4 weddings summer of 2022. Guarantee Pastor Sacrison \$600 / Wedding + Mileage from Milbank. Pastor Sacrison would meet 4 times (2 pre-marriage sessions, rehearsal and wedding ceremony), for each wedding. Funds will come from the Senior pastor salary. Motion to approve by Monte H. Second by Codi M. Motion carried.

Kevin Keup has resigned from council due to more travel with work. 2 yr vacancy needs to be filled. Jen H. has some names and Justin R. agreed to help.

Determine Mid-week Lenten Offering Recipients - Education & Preschool Motion to approve Justin R. Second by Monte H. Motion carried.

Discussion of Treasurer-in-Training- for 6 mo. period.

Discussion of finding a replacement for Kevin’s vacancy.

Exit interview w/ Pastor Kent to forward to Strategic Planning team. Discussion on Pastor Kent leaving building.

March 13th Pastor Renee Splichal-Larson to talk w/ council about call process.

Signature updates for Dedicated (187096) and General Fund (187095) Accounts at Reliabank - Motion to remove Mark Reishus and keep Jennifer Harms, Tammy Davis and Jodi Spilde by Justin Ruesch Second by Bev Splinter. Motion carried.

Committee Reports -- see attachments

Education _____ (Peg J.)
 Fellowship _____ (Twila -- staff)
 Finance _____ (Laurie T.)
 Preschool _____ (Jennifer H.)
 Property _____ (Monte H.)
 Stewardship _____no_____ (Justin R.)
 Worship and Music ___no_____ (Bev S.)
 Youth and Family Ministry _____ (Codi M)
 Policy _____ (_____)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned- Motion to adjourn by Monte H. Second by Bev Splinter

Closing Prayer

Devotions: Bev S.

SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT
February 8, 2022

The ELCA National Youth Gathering that was to be held this summer (and attended by our high school youth) has been cancelled due to COVID numbers remaining high. Apparently, the leaders felt it was not safe to have 35,000 teenagers from all over the nation to be together for 4 days. The NYG is held every 3 years somewhere in the US, with nationally known speakers and musicians.

The 2021 budget proceeds have been distributed, per annual meeting vote. What a generous and mission-minded congregation we have!

I have been doing some "final" visits to our shut-in members of the church. last week, I went to 4 members who reside at Stoney Brook. Fortunately, I was able to do this, before they locked down, which we learned about this morning.

At the final 4 worship cycle (beginning with Wednesday, February 23), we will be doing a "Thanksgiving and Farewell" liturgy at the closing of each worship service. This is a way for the congregation to hear and see my final act of worship. It provides closure and further understanding of the fact that my ministry at LCOOR has concluded. Pastoral ethics that we clergy sign on to says that we former pastors do NOT come back to do pastoral actions, such as baptisms, weddings or funerals. I will graciously decline, when asked.

FYI – the LCOOR website was hacked last Thursday. Jodi couldn't recapture it on our own, so Go Daddy, which hosts our website, fixed it. We also upgraded our security system with it, for an additional \$192 / year. In 2023, we will enter a new 5 year contract with GoDaddy for \$1199. With more worship online, we are getting more "traffic" on our website.

New signers for church accounts:

Designate new Signatories for the Dedicated and General Fund Accounts at Reliabank.

- Motion made by _____ and seconded by _____ to appoint and designate the following individuals on the General Fund (187095) and Dedicated Fund (187096) Accounts at Reliabank. Dual Signatures will be required.

1. Jodi Spilde
2. Jennifer Harms
3. Mark Reishus
4. Tammy Davis

And to remove any and all other persons currently named on those accounts as signors including but not limited to Mark Reishus..... Motion carried.

Note, we have staff signers on the following accounts: Care Fund, Safe Deposit Box and Scrip Accounts