



**April 21, 2020  
Church Council Meeting  
(via Zoom)**

**Council Members Present:** Pastor Frank Espegren, Andrew Ford, Bob Huckfeldt, Carolyn Brandt, Charlene Singley, Dan Maloney, Jenny Mohler, Jo Hoffmeier, Joel Kimmelshue, Julie Spezia, Karen Ross (through item 5a), Kim Hendricks, Kurt Galvez, Linda Eytcheson, Linda Baldwin, Pastor Jon Haug, Pastor Amy Kienzle

**Guests Present:** none

**Absent:** none

**Topics:**

1. **Call to Order @ 6:36 pm** - Kim Hendricks
2. **Opening Devotions & Introductions** - Pastor Frank
3. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Approval of February Council Meeting and April Emergency Council Meeting.
  - b. Motion made by Charlene Singley, seconded by Bob Huckfeldt. Motion passed by roll call vote with 2 abstentions and no objections.
4. **Reports**
  - a. **Pastor Frank**
    - o Praise for whole team who has pivoted to digital and online worship
    - o Close attention to the financial well-being of the church in this time
  - b. **Pastor Jon**
    - o Different ways of enacting congregational care with new programs like a phone call program for 85+ members, led by Jo Hoffmeier.
    - o Needs to increase housing allowance to \$39,000
      1. Motion made by Andrew Ford, seconded by Julie Spezia, passed by show of hands with 1 abstention and no objections.
  - c. **Pastor Amy**
    - o ShowUP Shower Ministry going strong in the parking lot, in conjunction with Bayside of Downtown
    - o St. John's looking for ways to get more involved in the ministry, including through help of Property Staff.
    - o Matching grant approved for Afternoon Snack Stop (\$1,300).
  - d. **Steven Johnson**
    - o As filed
  - e. **Linda Baldwin**
    - o Property staff keeping busy with projects unique to this situation (like refinishing the Narthex floors, etc.)
  - f. **Financial Report**
    - o Work ongoing to evaluate expenses, monitor giving and analyse donation trends to look for early indicators of financial strain due to pandemic.
5. **Old Business** - Kim Hendricks

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- a. CARES Act Follow-up
  - o Second tranche of funding is moving through the legislation this week.
  - o Our funding situation hasn't changed at this point and April has looked positive in terms of giving, though a portion of that came from the largest single donor who gave their entire annual pledge already.
  - o Motion to apply for funding for 2 months payroll costs, made by Bob Huckfeldt and seconded by Jo Hoffmeier. Motion was defeated by a roll call vote of 3 votes for, 8 votes against with 1 abstention.
  - o Kim Hendricks will prepare a letter on behalf of the Council to all staff to thank them for their efforts and ensure them of our continued support of their employment as we work through these difficult times.
- b. Racial Justice Committee Mandate - info session
  - o Issues and topics were discussed, including specific concerns with language in the mandate.
  - o A motion was made to approve the mandate as written, by Julie Spezia, and seconded by Bob Huckfeldt.
  - o The motion was defeated by a roll call vote of 5 votes for, 6 votes against and 1 abstention.
  - o The issue has been tabled to the May meeting for further discussion. Some feedback will be carried back to the committee by those present for the discussion.
- c. Goethe Hall issues - info session
  - o Pastor Frank asked Council to review documents previously sent out.
  - o Discussion tabled to May meeting
- d. Sacramento Services Not Sweeps Coalition
  - o Pastor Amy and Rebeckah Turnbaugh don't see the need for St. John's to officially join the coalition, but will continue to stay in contact.

## **6. New Business**

- a. New Membership enrollment
  - o Motion made by Jo Hoffmeier, seconded by Kurt.
  - o Motion passed by show of hands, with no objections and one abstention
  - o Luminaria leadership will look at doing some sort of virtual enrollment ceremony.
- b. Pastor's Discretionary Fund
  - o \$30,000 gift made to be used to help those in need in the Sacramento area, Pastors are evaluating larger gifts to ministry partners who are in need at this time.

## **7. Announcements**

- a. Synod assembly has been postponed until sometime in the fall. Current presiding Bishop will continue in office until the synod assembly can be held.

Adjourned at 8:53 pm

Next Meeting May 19 at 6:30pm, via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted,  
Andrew Ford  
Church Council Secretary