



**October 20, 2020  
Church Council Meeting  
(via Zoom)**

**Council Members Present:** Pastor Frank Espegren, Bob Huckfeldt, Charlene Singley, Dan Maloney, Jenny Mohler, Jo Hoffmeier, Joel Kimmelshue, Julie Spezia, Karen Ross, Kim Hendricks, Kurt Galvez, Linda Baldwin, Linda Eytcheson, Pastor Jon Haug

**Guests Present:** Lynne Gilbertson, Elizabeth Huber, Hollie Staskal and Robin Keller

**Absent:** Pastor Amy Kienzle, Andrew Ford

1. **Call to Order @ 6:30 pm** - Kim Hendricks
2. **Opening Devotions & Introductions** - Pastor Jon
3. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Friendly amendment to move Katie and Lynne to guests on the minutes from September
  - b. Motion by Dan and 2nd by Jo to approve minutes with friendly amendment. Passed unopposed by show of hands, with 1 abstention.
4. **New Business**
  - a. **Care of Creation Committee Mandate**
    - o Presented history of the working group and plans for future activities for the committee
    - o After some questions and praise from the council for the work of the committee thus far, Karen Ross moved to accept the commissioning mandate, 2nd by Joel. Motion passed with all yes votes except abstain by PF.
5. **Reports**
  - a. **All reports as filed**
    - o Question was asked of Linda B regarding the EV charging station reimbursement. There is a contractual dispute over the repayment for trenching that St. John's paid for that normally would have been done by the company doing the EV stations. However, due to the timing of the parking lot work and permits, St. John's paid. Linda and PF will keep the Council updated with the progress on resolving the dispute.
    - o Question was asked of PF regarding the Synod collaboration grant. Because of the assets that the church has, we would need to repay the grant, so PF decided that it was not worth applying for. He is still pursuing ways to collaborate with other congregations.
  - b. **Financial Report**
    - o Report as filed by Kurt. Kurt gave an update on October so far and envelope giving is at 50% for the month which is on track for being half way through October.
    - o Overall the expenses for 2020 are down from 2019.
    - o On the budget, Linda, Kurt and Kat have done a first pass at the budget and they will present a first draft at the November meeting. The budget is being drafted using the assumptions:
      - We will be worshipping on site and online for all of 2020
      - No increase to the 2020 budgeted revenue

Unrestricted

- Holding salaries at current levels for most staff
- Linda reported that 126 pledges have been received so far for 2021.
- Current cash balance: \$1,521,724
  - General Operating Fund
  - September Revenue: \$75,769
  - September Expenses: \$125,332
  - September General Operating Net Income: -\$49,563
  - YTD General Operating Net Income: \$101,625

## 6. Old Business

### a. 1725 L Business Update (Plates)

- Linda met with a leasing expert for the area and the property could be easily leased short or long-term at about \$2.50 to \$3 a square foot. After discussion it was agreed that Linda would get more information about specific lease opportunities to present to Council.
- The loan to SJPRC has a balance of \$7,816. Since the finances for September were not great, the Council would like to wait on a decision about forgiving the loan. But in the meantime, Julie moved and Karen 2nd that we will notify SJPRC that we have extended a moratorium on payments on the loan to them through the end of 2020 without penalty. Passed with all yes votes except abstain by PF.
- A discussion of future monetary support of SJPRC will be conducted with the budget discussion at a future meeting.

### b. Congregational meeting update

- Linda has all of the details and information and will put together a plan

## 7. New Business, continued

### a. Other new business

- Pastor Frank asked for Kim Hendricks and one other Council member to serve on a committee to work on plans for returning to worshipping in the sanctuary. Charlene volunteered. The members of the committee will be Linda B, PF, Suzi, Anton, Sarah S, Kim and Charlene.

## 8. Announcements

- a. Living Labyrinth will be this Sunday at Land Park with a reformation Sunday theme.
- b. Courtyard Communion will be starting on Thursdays.

Adjourned at 8:20 pm

Next Meeting November 17 at 6:30pm, via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted,  
Andrew Ford  
Church Council Secretary