



Council Minutes

Monday, August 10, 2020

Members on Microsoft Teams Call: Pastor Scott Anderson, Fred Drotleff, Carol Hormell, Susan Lux, Marilyn Mason, Sally Nesselrode, Jacob Schandel, Terri Wanner, Jeff Ward

Special Guest Presenters on Microsoft Teams Call: Kathy Smith, Thrivent representative managing church accounts

Members Not on Microsoft Teams Call: none

Meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Scott.

Minutes were reviewed. Jeff motioned to accept the minutes, Fred seconded. Motion carried.

Guest Presenter

Kathy Smith joined the conference call this month to update the church. Our Thrivent accounts are doing very well! We have seen a lifetime growth of 5.07% and 5.11% for our moderately conservative and moderate investment accounts we have, respectively. Kathy pointed out the church needs to perform an annual update of its contact info for the accounts.

The question of the accounts' ability to be withdrawn from was discussed. The church is able to move its funds at any time to/from the Thrivent accounts. This will be discussed in more detail in September at the regular council meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- June and July fluctuated in giving performance. On average, we are short \$300/week in giving from what we need.
 - June was a great month, as we had a large deposit on the first Sunday back to worship.
 - For July, we trended much lower in giving than we did in June.
- Some papers will be finished in the next few weeks for the Payroll Protection Program.
- We may be looking at large budget cuts in order to keep the budget balanced.

Jeff motioned to accept the report, and Marilyn seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

- **Communion:** Pastor Scott recommended we reconsider holding communion.
 - Ideas were floated on the topic. It was noted that no matter what, the execution of communion would be different from normal.
 - Pastor Scott envisions that people need to be wearing masks and gloves when preparing the sacrament. As part of his concept, the church would move in four sections, separated by 6 feet by means of tape on the floor.
 - Marilyn suggested that we give people individual Ziploc bags to put their garbage in from pre-filled communion.
 - We all agreed that pre-packaged communion juice/bread is the best option.
 - Communion will be administered by spread-out packages on a table in September and October.
- **Sign:** Compliments were given to Fred Drotleff and Jacob Schandel for their efforts on the sign. Thanks to all involved in this project!

New Business

- **September meeting:** It was agreed that the September meeting would be virtual.

Pastor's Report

- **Mileage:** Jeff motioned, Terri seconded to accept. Motion carried.
- Pastor Scott reminded us we need volunteers to attend the virtual synod assembly on September 11-12. We need names by Thursday for this event.
- Communion was discussed in Old Business.
- **Synod:** Jeff will be going to the virtual Synod Assembly. Jeff motioned to approve pastor and Jeff's expenses to attend, Susan seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Evangelism and Outreach: No report.

Fellowship and Family Life: No report.

Financial Stewardship: No report.

Media and Technology: See sign in Old Business. PowerPoint implementation has gone smoothly. We have had a couple of minor issues, but they are being ironed out.

Property: See sign in Old Business.

Worship and Music: It was asked that the acolytes do the candles before the congregation dismisses row-by-row. This will be addressed.

Youth: No report.

Upcoming Events

- First Communion since pandemic to be held September 6
- Next meeting to be virtual on September 14 at 6:30 PM

Jeff motioned to adjourn.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jacob H. Schandel
Council Secretary*