

LOTM Church Council, 4-27-2021, on Zoom

Present: Linda Wakefield, Amy Simper, Ben Little, Catheryn Carlson, Julie Cope, Ruth Hendricks, Doug Muschett, Sally Brown, Leslie Walker, Kevin Clarke.

Absent: Pastor Penni, Christy Reinking.

- 1) The opening reflection was a lengthy and thought provoking discussion on white privilege.
- 2) The March minutes are approved. It is noted that subsequent to the March meeting, by e-mail, the staining bid for the outside of the church was approved.
- 3) TREASURER'S REPORT. Catheryn gave the Treasurer's Report. Pledges are coming in and LOTM is doing OK financially.
- 4) YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS. Ben talked about youth and family programs. Jay and Kelsey Meservy have been disheartened by lack of participation. Camp Compassion has been cancelled. Council noted the difficulties of Covid, our lack of a pastor, and the fact that we really don't have a critical mass of young families to support these programs.
- 5) WORSHIP PLANNING. Julie reported that the pulpit coverage is planned through May. She is grateful for the 4 pastors getting together on their own to fill the pulpit.
- 6) COVID. Masking and distance protocols continue. We average between 46 and 48 people physically in church.
- 7) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. It is noted that these need to be reviewed, updated, and moved to digital storage and sharing. Staff is working on this.
- 8) APPROVED POLICIES. Council approved three policies which have been updated. The Safe Gathering Policy. The LOAF (Love One Another Fund.) Policy. (We have gotten rid of petty cash.) The Building and Parking Lot Policy.
- 9) CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. This is planned for May 9, after service. People will attend in person, on Zoom, and can live stream the meeting. Zoom and live stream folks will vote by texting Amy. Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens.
- 10) Council needs to be thinking of new council members. January 2022 will be here before we know it.
- 11) Closing prayer.

Congregational meeting was held on Sunday, May 9, 2021. There were 53 members present by Zoom, live streaming, and in person. There was a quorum. Two items were presented. First, the bylaws and constitution changes were approved. Second, the members of the Call Committee were approved.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wakefield