

Church Council, 11-23-2021, on Zoom

Present: Linda Wakefield, Amy Simper, Ben Little, Sally Brown, Kevin Clarke, Catheryn Carlson, Leslie Walker, Christy Reinking, Dave Drake, Ruth Hendricks.

Absent: Julie Cope, Doug Muschett.

- 1) Opening reflection on what we're thankful for.
- 2) October minutes are approved.
- 3) NEW PASTOR. Council was brought up to date on the status of the new pastor. She accepted the compensation package. There will be a chance for folks to meet her and her husband in early December.
- 4) CHRISTMAS. The Christmas Eve services will be at 4, 7, and 9. Olive the other reindeer.
- 5) FINANCES. Catheryn presented the finance report. The church is in good shape financially.
- 6) PLEDGING. The pledge campaign is coming along nicely. There will be a carryover of some money from 2021 to 2022.
- 7) COUNCIL LEADERSHIP. Council discussed council leadership for the future. Linda and Amy will be going off council as they are term limited. Council generated names to give to the nominating committee to replace leaving members. Dave Drake will join the finance committee. Ben Little agreed to work on the personnel committee. Linda and Leslie expressed interest in the Healthy Start initiative. (This is a group which helps the new pastor settle in.)
- 8) UPCOMING EVENTS. Council discussed a gathering in March to welcome the new pastor. There will be a curling party at the Littles this winter when their pond freezes. The Littles are also proposing a luge event at their place. Council discussed a retreat after the new pastor arrives. The idea of a whole congregation retreat was also brought up.
- 9) MASKS. For the time being, masks will continue to be mandated at Sunday services.
- 10) THERMOSTATS. Linda brought a proposal from Bill Kyrioglou. Thermostats are turned down when no one is in church. Bill has been coming in early on Sunday morning to turn the heat up. But on really cold mornings the heat does not catch up before service starts. Bill is suggesting that we buy programmable thermostats for 4 of the thermostats that heat the narthex and the sanctuary. He has researched and they are available on Amazon for about \$25 each. Bill has said he can install these. Council approved up to \$100, coming from the building fund, for this.
- 11) Closing prayer was given by Ben.

Congregational meeting, 12-5-2021

- 1) There are 49 members in person and 23 members by text or e-mail. That is a quorum. There is no synod representative.
- 2) The congregation unanimously approved the candidate for pastor as well as the compensation package.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wakefield