

Church council, 11-24-2020, by Zoom

Present: Amy Simper, Linda Wakefield, Christy Reinking, Catheryn Carlson, Sally Brown, Doug Muschett, Ben Little, Julie Cope, Leslie Walker, Lea Dreux.

Absent: Bruce Buehner, Kevin Clarke.

- 1) Each councilmember gave a thankful thought.
- 2) The minutes of October 27, 2020 are approved.
- 3) CHURCH SAFETY. Discussion about safety in the church, considering the rise in Covid cases lately in Summit County. Discussed church capacity and the choir singing. We'll keep our eyes on the number of cases and continue to adjust as necessary.
- 4) ADVENT. The Holden service will be held virtually on the Wednesdays of Advent.
- 5) CHRISTMAS EVE. Council discussed the Christmas Eve services. A drive by live nativity was discussed, maybe to be staged under the portico of the front door. Council laid the groundwork for 2 virtual services, one family, one all else, and will send this back to the worship and music committee. Santa Claus is coming to town.
- 6) It is noted that about 79 folks each week view the Sunday service, either in person, live streaming, or viewing the archives later.
- 7) TREASURER'S REPORT. Catheryn gave the treasurer's report. We are currently running behind in pledged income, but are doing very well in keeping expenses down, which is why basically, LOTM is doing OK.
- 8) STEWARDSHIP. Amy reported on the "Count Me In" campaign. Amy, Catheryn, and Bonnie Brown are working on the budget for 2021.
- 9) A motion was made and approved by council to change the title for Chris Keelan from Choir Director to Music Director. There will be no change in salary.
- 10) ANNUAL REPORT. Lea has volunteered to compile the annual report for 2020. Leslie agreed to help by reminding committee heads to get their reports to Lea.
- 11) STAFF GIFTS. Discussed staff gifts for this year. Because of Covid, we won't be able to put the gift box out for donations. Motion made and approved unanimously to take \$1200 from council reserves for staff gifts.
- 12) NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS. Lea is finishing her term and will need to be replaced. We don't know if Bruce Buehner will continue to serve. The nominating committee will get council replacements, which will be installed at the annual meeting in January, 2021.
- 13) Ben gave the closing prayer. Happy Thanksgiving.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wakefield