

Church Council, 12-22-2020, on Zoom

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

Absent: Bruce Buehner.

Guests: Nancy Spears, Amy Watson.

- 1) Council members recollected their favorite Christmas Eve memories.
- 2) The November minutes are approved.
- 3) INTERIM PASTOR. Leslie and Linda gave their impressions of Penni Walsh, being considered for the interim position. It was decided that we'll talk to Penni again. It was also decided that we won't have a "do it yourself" type interim.
- 4) COVID PROTOCOLS. Council decided that the Executive Committee will decide future Covid protocols for attendance at church.
- 5) COUNCIL REPLACEMENTS. Council discussed possible replacements for the 2 outgoing council members. Should old acquaintance be forgot.
- 6) CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES - Discussed plans, including the live nativity.
- 7) As of today, there is a new door lock code for the side door.
- 8) TREASURER'S REPORT. Catheryn gave the treasurer's report. We continue to do OK, especially because we are keeping expenses low.
- 9) BUDGET FOR 2021. Amy Simper discussed the 2021 budget, stating that we are getting close to our goal.
- 10) CHILDRENS PROGRAMS. Council discussed programs for children. It is thought that we could provide this on Wednesdays twice a month, from 2 to 3:30 PM. The Meservys can work out the content, but cannot be on hand for the programing itself. Amy Watson, Sally Brown and Doug Muschett volunteered to help on the Wednesdays.
- 11) CHURCH ATTENDANCE. Council got a report on church attendance. Attendance at live services, streaming services, and looking at the service later on the archives averages 71. Attendance at the Wednesday Holden service averages about 15.
- 12) Leslie and Nancy Spears reported on the use of the LOTM website. There have been 29,000 page views from January 1 to the present. It is good that folks are using our website. All the more reason to keep the website up to date and interesting.
- 13) Lectors for Sunday services are lined up to the end of January.
- 14) Council discussed the progress of the annual report, to be presented at the annual meeting on January 31, 2021.
- 15) Sally gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wakefield