

St. John-St. Matthew-Emanuel Lutheran Church

Electronic Council Meeting on Zoom – Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Present: Pastor David Parsons, Marc Youngblood, Tom Reiner, Andrew Kjoller, Barbara Gruenburg, Fran Onne-Fong, Anne Voorhies, Joseph Militello, Yonni Matson, Sarah Sampson.

A quorum was present.

Excused Absence: Nitza Wagoner, Tammy Johnson, Katherine Anderson.

Also Present: Deacon Eric Johnson

Prayer: Opening prayer was led by Pastor Parsons.

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm.

Secretary: Fran Onne-Fong

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made, seconded and adopted to approve the revised agenda as presented.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes : A motion was made, seconded and adopted to approve the minutes as amended of the Council's meeting held on October 13, 2020.

Reports:

Pastor's Report: Pastor Parsons presented oral and written reports to the Council. He reported a well attended first Saturday service of 61 members in Prospect Park and will continue the outdoor services as long as the weather is good.

Pastor Parsons and his family will be contributing a sound system for the Church. Pastor Parsons reported that Marc & Kuye Youngblood as well as his family, Judi & Liv, have continued their great work on the audio and video streaming Sunday worship. There are teams working on the Advent Party Zoom Night and the Christmas Pageant. Jacki Eradiri, the Director of the Senior Center, keeps in contact with the seniors and maintains the status of our City contract.

Pastor Parsons is grateful for our weekly attendance & offerings. The church will host a blood drive once weekly from 9 - 4 pm which will make use of the building and contribute to the community.

There was a request for the AA group to start meeting in the social hall again.

Finance: Andrew Kjoller, Vice President, reported that we have had good offerings and are at a surplus. The July through August 2020 financial report showed that St. JME finances compared to July through August 2019 are about the same.

It was noted that there was an error in the financial report which the treasurer and bookkeeper will be notified of.

Youth: More Youth willing to participate in the Advent Christmas Pageant and to sing, "Do you hear what I hear" is desired.

New Business: It was suggested publishing our contributions and support for the Food Bank at the local Coffee Shop in our weekly bulletin as well as announcing the blood drive would communicate what the Church is doing for the community.

During the inquiry into resuming AA meetings of 25 members two days a week, it was concluded that AA put together a plan of what they would do to make sure the gatherings would be safe - i.e. limit size, clean bathrooms and surfaces after the meetings, no food or drink, etc.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by:

Fran Onne-Fong, Secretary