

St. John-St. Matthew-Emanuel Lutheran Church

Electronic Congregation Council Meeting on Zoom – Tuesday, June 9, 2020

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

A quorum was present.

Excused Absence: Nitza Wagoner.

Also Present: Deacon Eric Johnson

Prayer: Opening prayer was led by Pastor Parsons.

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm.

Secretary: Fran Onne-Fong

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

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made, seconded and adopted to approve the minutes of the Council's meeting held on May 12, 2020.

Reports:

Pastor's Report: Pastor Parsons presented an oral report to the Council. He happily reported again that there have been no reported cases of Covid19 in our congregation.

Pastor reported that there would be a meeting on Wednesday, June 10th on how to re-enter church services into the building and Andrew Kjoller, Vice President, volunteered to attend the meeting and he will report back to the Council what he learns. Pastor noted that this Sunday, June 14, 2020, the Congregation Budget Meeting would be held after the service during the Electronic Coffee Hour. Pastor announced that he will be taking a vacation for a week and will miss Sunday, June 21, 2020. He recommended that the congregation take part in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church worship service online for that Sunday while he is away.

Finance: The financial statements for April 2020 were delivered through email and discussed at the meeting by Tammy Johnson, Treasurer. It was noted that the government's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) was approved and the money was put into the ELCA Credit Union account that was opened. Therefore, the more than \$46,000 shortfall in the financial statements would actually be

\$23,000 counting the grant/loan that we received. That amount was more in line with past deficits which was balanced using the Church's endowment fund.

The finance committee met to plan the budget at the end of May and presented St. JME's current budget and the proposed budget for 2021 as well as Pastor Parsons' Compensation for this year and next. The Church Council reviewed the proposed budget and voted to recommend approval of the budget and the Pastor's Compensation package as presented at the Electronic Congregation Budget Meeting on Sunday, June 14, 2020.

Youth: Families will be asked about possibly extending Sunday School through the summer and keeping church services and Sunday School at the same time as during the year. In other words, continue to keep 10:00 am Sunday School/ 11:00 am Church Service.

New Business: The Council discussed possible support for local Food Ministries such as Roots Cafe or Brooklyn Relief Kitchen which we would join beyond our own Free Pantry Ministry. Pastor Parsons has a Black Lives Matter Banner to be put up in front of the Church in support of the nationwide racial protest movement currently going on.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Tuesday, *September 8, 2020. (*Pastor Parson reserves the right to call a meeting prior to September if necessary.)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by:

Fran Onne-Fong

Secretary