

## **St. John-St. Matthew-Emanuel Lutheran Church**

### **Electronic Council Meeting on Zoom – Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

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

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 Council Meeting Minutes :** A motion was made, seconded and adopted to approve the minutes of the Council's meeting held on December 8, 2020.

#### **Reports:**

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Parsons presented an oral and written report to the Council. The Christmas Pageant and Service were successful and wonderful thanks to Kathleen Axen, Jennifer Medina, Mary Fasano, Farah/Nelson Franqui, Nils Axen and especially Carrie Thompson.

Pastor Parsons & his family will take vacation days on Jan 31st and Feb 14th, 2021.

During Ash Wednesday, Pastor Parsons will have ashes in individual bags for congregational members to pick up in front of the Church.

Pastor Parsons' Post Script in his report addressed the insurrection at the Capital building in Washington, DC on January 6, 2021.

**Finance:** Tammy Johnson, Treasurer, presented the July through November 2020 financial report. She noted our year to date numbers were good and that the \$10,000 contribution the Church receives once a year, just came in. The Youth raised \$200 for the bake sale for the Trinity Place Shelter.

**Senior Center:** Jackie Eradiri, Director of the Senior Center, prepared and sent in their City grant proposal.

**Youth:** Parents need to know what changes have been made in the Confirmation curriculum and the schedule of the confirmation class. Allison Struthers has been teaching the confirmation class for about a year. Youth group of Middle School aged children will become a good sized class beginning in the fall of 2021.

**Unfinished/Continuing Business:** Pastor Parsons needs to have a discussion with Nadine Cordes, who is our Nationally Rostered Dean, about terminating her Call as the Youth minister this June 2021 at St. JME.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is coming up February 7th, 2021. We will be nominating three people to the Board beginning February 2021 for 3 years. They are Anne Voorhies, Tom Reiner, and Fran Onne-Fong.

Andrew Kjoller announced that on Friday, February 26th, 2021 there will be a Zoom Trivia Night fundraiser to support The Vine NYC campus Christian ministry network led by Pastor Becca Seeley.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by:

Fran Onne-Fong, Secretary