

January 2020 Council Minutes

Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 7pm Fireside Room

Present: Jen, Marlo, Kim, Kyle, Ann, Rayelle, Al, Dan, Jon, and Kelly. Deacon Amanda, Lindsay, and Pastor Dave were also present.

- 1) Call to Order - Jen called meeting to order at 7:02pm
 - a) *Approval of Agenda* – Jon made a motion to approve the agenda. Rayelle seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - b) *Welcome any guests* – No guests were present.
 - c) *Review any thank you notes or correspondence sent to Council or St. John's* – Jen received an anonymous note about concern with toys in the Narthex. The note was placed in the Erdman's tapes' box. She will forward on to Lindsay to share with Worship and Music and Youth and Family. Jen will write a thank you note to the Lutefisk committee for their generosity to pay down the due-to-dedicated account in the amount of \$4,000.
- 2) Ministry Moment – Pastor Dave led a Ministry Moment.
- 3) Devotions – Jen led devotions.
- 4) Reports –
 - a) *Discuss/Approve previous meeting minutes, staff and commission reports* – Jen added an oral report from Personnel Commission that had not been in the packet. Mark has been doing a good job filling in to the custodian role at 20 hours/week. He seems engaged and happy, and many staff are hearing positive feedback. He has been flexible with his time to accommodate worship and activities. Personnel will meet and review all applications the following day. Jon made a motion to approve the reports as submitted. Al seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 5) Financials
 - a) *Summary of the past month's financials* – Kim noted that members were very generous during December, and that several gifts at the end of the year helped to bring the due-to-dedicated accounts to even. Council wishes to extend its gratitude to the Congregation for their efforts and generosity to make this possible. CKP ended positive at year end.
 - b) *2020 Budget* – Kim received no changes/requests from commissions on preliminary budgets. A budget review meeting is set for Sunday, January 19th at 9:10am for anyone interested in reviewing the proposed budget that will be presented at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:30pm.
 - c) *2020 Narrative Budget* – Marlo reported that Ariana and Katie are working together to update the information for the annual meeting. Marlo has been assisting with final details.
- 6) Old Business
 - a) *Membership Directory* – Rayelle reported that Directory photos are underway, and the directory team has been working hard to update contact information on families. There have been some problems with members having to wait to preview their photos (bottleneck in process), but feedback has been that Lifetouch has not been offering high pressure sales. She reminded council that if anyone prefers to submit a family photo for the directory, that they must have a signed photo release from the photographer prior to publishing. March sessions will be open for scheduling shortly.
 - b) *Annual Meeting* - Council reviewed the ballot options including council officers, council at-large, nominating committee, audit committee, and council assembly (adults and youth) and are encouraged to offer up any names of anyone who may be interested.
- 7) New Business

- a) *Roundtable Discussion* – Pastor Dave shared a Stewardship statement letter that the Stewardship Commission plans to distribute in conjunction with annual giving statement. The letter offers thanks for the times and talents over the past year, and looks forward into the next year. Council agreed that the letter was a good idea and nicely written. Pastor Dave also shared a proposed change to the recent offering envelopes that included contact information as well as information on tithe.ly e-giving. Existing envelopes would receive a sticker with the contact information, and updated envelopes would include the new information at the time of reprint once existing inventory is depleted. Kelly offered to follow up on the status of All-Commission packets. Jen had not received reports from all the commissions, but asked Kelly to submit completed minutes to Shelly to combine with submitted reports for the All Commission packet. Pastor Dave noted that incoming and outgoing council members will be recognized at January 26th and 29th services. Pastor Dave also noted that marriage and family retreat registration is now open. Pastor Dave shared that he plans to form a visioning committee that will look ahead to ministry over the next few years. Council provided some names of people who may be good fits for these roles. Pastor Dave shared that Properties Commission is currently evaluating the expense to rekey the exterior doors of the building, which could reduce the liability toward theft and vandalism to the church. Properties is also working with estimates with a contractor to replace covers over the skylights in the sanctuary that were damaged during the June hail storm. These could be covered with the claim. Rayelle noted that it may be nice to have a committee that routinely reviews membership lists as the directory team is finding information that hasn't been updated in decades. Ann noted an issue with the Wednesday worship music team that someone messed with cords in an attempt to move the electric keyboard and it took a substantial amount of time to reconfigure for Wednesday worship.
- b) Closed session was not held.
- 8) Council shared God Sightings that they encountered.
- 9) Motion to Adjourn – Jon made a motion to adjourn. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 10) Council closed the meeting by reciting the Lord's Prayer.
- 11) Upcoming event/meetings
- a) Next council meeting – Tuesday, February 11th 7pm in the Fireside room. Kelly will lead devotions. Annual Meeting is Wednesday, January 22nd, 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Utesch