

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED

June 22, 2021

Call to order: The meeting was called to order on Zoom at 5:30 pm by President Lisa Beane.

Members present: Pastors Peter Nycklemoe, Stephanie Friesen and Melissa Pohlman, Deacon Mark Sedio, Jeff Block, Mark Erickson, Roberta Groening, Kirsten Hash, Ann Oyen, Rod Richter, Karl Starr, Jen Surla, Paul Troselius

Members excused:

Staff present: Pat Hansen

Devotional & Christ Care Prayers: Pastor Stephanie shared a devotion and invited all to share their joys, sorrows, concerns, and thanksgivings, which were then lifted in prayer.

Adoption of the June Agenda: The Meeting Agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes from May Council Meeting: The Council Meeting minutes for May 25, 2021 were approved. Also approved was the Rostered Leaders' Shared Report for May 2021.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Karl Starr summarized the monthly financial reports through May 31, 2021 – Analysis of Revenue & Expense, Balance Sheet Analysis, Building Renewal Project to Date, Revenue & Expense, Designated Fund Summary, the Wells Fargo Account Summary, and the Wells Fargo Brokerage Account. These financial reports were accepted by the Council. Karl's Treasurer's Report summary is attached to these minutes.

Life Passages for May 2021:

1. Baptisms –
 - a. **Micah William Anderson** was baptized on Saturday, May 15, 2021. Parents are Ky and Katie Anderson. Micah was baptized by his great aunt, Reverend Susan Tjornehoj and great uncle, Reverend David Wangaard here at Central.
2. Weddings - None
3. Deaths/Funerals/Burial Services –
 - a. Warren H. Olson (August 9, 1935 – May 8, 2021) Funeral will be held here at Central on August 15, 2021.

Action Items:

1. Pastor Peter's sabbatical
 - The Council approved the affirmation by the Personnel Committee for Pastor Peter's sabbatical for October 1 through November 26, with some vacation added before and after the eight weeks.

Information and Conversation:

1. Council Strategic Plan Work: After Pastor Peter's review of SMART goals with its template, council members broke into two working groups:
 - a. Belonging (Member Relationships and Community Connections Initiative) – their top three ideas included:

1. New Members – do an internal welcome
 2. Reinstate the Great Room Ambassadors
 3. Nine to dine – forming dinner groups to gather for a specific period of time 6x/year, a specific group would gather for conversation and a meal.
- b. Advocating (Congregational engagement in the needs of our neighbors) - their top three ideas included:
1. Offer educational opportunities to understand systemic racism. Work with the Empowering Conversation group to develop a plan.
 2. Understand the Changing needs of the community who use CLC's resources.
 - a. What services are needed?
 - b. Which services are not needed?
 - c. What are the needs of our neighbor?
 - d. Jennifer Ho could be a great resource
 3. What is the silent suffering that we are unaware of?
 - a. Better understand the neighborhood and unmet needs.
- c. Safe at Church initial summary

Closing Prayer and Adjourn: After closing with the Lord's Prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Hansen
Recording for Jen Surla, Council Secretary