Council meeting Minutes

January 11, 2021 (7:00 p.m.)

Present: Terry Neumann, Mike Ettrich, Simon Winkelmann, Ingrid Maier, Monika Kosheiff, Ian Wood, Pastor Jesse Kane, Paul Budinski, Dorothee Hauf, Pastor Josh Mueller, Pastor Kelvin Kehler, Christa Ettrich

1. Sharing Time – Simon: Putting our faith in systems that humans have put together versus putting our trust in systems that God has put together
2. Prayer
3. Approval of agenda

**Motion** to approve agenda. Dorothee Hauf **motioned**. **Carried**.

1. Review of previous meeting Minutes

AGM Meeting Minutes (November 8, 2020) & Council Meeting Minutes (December 7, 2020)

1. **Motion** to approve November 8, 2020 AGM minutes and December 7, 2020 council meeting minutes. Terry Neumann **motioned**, Monika Kosheiff **seconded**. **Carried**.
2. committee Reports
3. Pastor’s Reports
   1. Pastor Josh
      1. Report submitted.
   2. Pastor Kelvin
      1. Report submitted.
      2. Camera has been purchased and has been used to record services for the last several Sundays.
      3. Andreas Starke, Pastor Jesse Kane, and Pastor Kelvin Kehler are currently trained in the sound booth. Volunteers to help are being sought. Training will be provided and concepts are easy to learn.
   3. Pastor Jesse
      1. Report submitted.
4. Financial Committee
   1. Missions: $16,950.00
      1. Inner: $51,107.63
      2. Outer: $0.00 ($18,860.00 forwarded)
   2. Church income: $83,284.19
   3. Expenses: $41,664.75
   4. Net gain: $41,619.44
5. Property Committee
   1. Future projects: sewage line & completion of fire inspection recommendations.
   2. Monika Kosheiff will get a few council members together to discuss custodian role, hours, and expectations. A performance review will be completed with Terry Kiss.
   3. Ian and Melissa Wood will be deep cleaning pews this week.
6. Pastoral Care Committee
   1. Met December 10 & 17, 2020.
   2. Terms of Reference document reviewed.
7. Other Committees (as needed)
8. Attendance statistics
9. December 13
   1. 1st service: 12
   2. 2nd service: 22
10. December 20
    1. 1st service: 12
    2. 2nd service: 29
11. December 24
    1. One service: 32
    2. Online: 68
12. December 27
    1. 1st service: 14
    2. 2nd service: 20
13. January 3
    1. 1st service: 11
    2. 2nd service: 33
14. January 10
    1. Online
15. Average online:
    1. Traditional: 12
    2. Contemporary: 19-27
16. new business
17. December review & COVID contingencies
    1. Ushers will discourage congregating on church property after services.
    2. Services remain at 15% capacity until at least January 21.
    3. If we go over capacity, council members will voluntarily step out. If the restrictions extend past January 21, we will start looking into starting a sign-up sheet.
18. COVID planning (grants, cold weather planning, pew barriers)
    1. Simon Winkelmann will look into finding out when the deadline is to apply for COVID grant.
    2. Cold weather planning: when restrictions lift and socializing is allowed again, we will open up the basement. Distancing and masking will be mandated.
    3. Pew barriers: Jason MacQueen has been researching options and will donate time and materials in installing.
19. Communication Items (bulletins, meeting minute approvals & distribution)
    1. Reinstate monthly bulletins. Will include:
       1. Announcements that are not expected to change week by week.
       2. Sermon topic, preacher, service times.
       3. Pastor Josh Mueller will put the bulletin together bulletins. Melissa and Ian Wood will print them out.
       4. First bulletins will be available for January 31.
    2. Council meeting minutes will be approved over email so that they can be distributed faster.
       1. Minutes in the meeting after will reflect that the minutes were reviewed and approved online.
    3. Council meeting minute access on website
       1. Pastor Jesse Kane will create a new tab on the website specifically for minutes.
       2. Pastor Kelvin Kehler will post a link on facebook that connects straight to the minutes on the website.
       3. “News” tab will contain important announcements (i.e. church closed this Sunday because of COVID etc.)
20. ECCC Membership Update
21. Membership Letters
    1. Still in progress by Simon Winkelmann.
    2. Charles Lobenberg has applied for membership, but has not been baptized or confirmed, which is a requirement of membership in the current constitution.
       1. Simon Winkelmann will communicate that his membership is in a holding pattern because we are looking at changes to membership requirements.
    3. Resources from ECCC are available.
    4. Mike Ettrich proposes a separate meeting to discuss how EFC defines membership.
22. Spring AGM & Nomination Committee
    1. Tentative AGM date: May 30
    2. Pastor Josh Mueller will reach out to previous nominating committee members (Melissa Wood, Cynthia Lazarenko, Adrian Wanke, Sonya MacQueen). Announcement that nominating committee members are being sought will be made.
23. Proposed Pastoral Planning Meeting
24. date of next meeting

Council Meeting – February 8

Proposed Planning Meeting – January 25

1. Adjourned 9:39pm