Council Meeting 2/15/22 - Zoom

Present: Judy Evans, Paul Karl,

Tom Bernth, Pam Shaw, Steve Bauer, Erlinde Beliveau, Pastor Luther

Absent: Kristin Crawford

We Gather in God’s Name

Introductions, Blessings, Thanksgiving and Devotions were shared. Welcome to Pam, Steve, and Tom! Thank you cards – recipients identified.

We celebrate and Give Thanks for the Past

1. Treasurer Report – Offerings low in January. Will wait to see how we fare in February before taking action.
2. Secretary Report – See report
   1. Erlinde will talk to Mark re: host finding process for events held at Holy Trinity. Next event is March 30th: Amare Cantare Concert, host needed.
3. Interim Pastor Luther’s Report
   1. Will perform brief prayer of commissioning of new council members at next Sundays’ service.
   2. Recommended restoring some of the liturgy we celebrated prior to Covid (all lessons, hymn of the day). Also discussed restoring practice of communion, along with retaining present practice of communion at one’s chair. Pastor offered to use homemade bread and wine would be offered in plastic cups. Council approved this to begin the first Sunday during Lent. Pastor Luther will engage in conversation with the Worship team to finalize details.
   3. Pastor Luther offered to provide a 15-20 minute Lenten devotion on Wednesdays around midday/lunch. This would be offered either through zoom or streamed via Facebook.
4. Ministry Team Reports
   1. Serve the Lord – Paul, No Report.

b. Grow in Faith – Tom, No report. Committees reviewed under Grow in Faith.

c. Come Together – Pam , No report . Committees reviewed under Come Together.

We Seek God’s Direction for our Church

1. Review of Covid data - Numbers are decreasing. Services will be expanded starting in Lent. See above.
2. Transition Committee Update - Paul
   1. In the next month CAT report will be done and an interpretation provided. Two more items will be completed by the Transition Team: a “Why Us?” meeting and the Ministry Site Profile Workshop.
   2. As the Transition Team has gone forward independently in an efficient and productive manner, Pastor Elizabeth’s services are no longer needed. Council supports this decision after discussions have already taken place at different times with Judy, Paul, Pastor Luther, and Steve Wilco. Steve Wilco will let Pastor Elizabeth know that we will release her from the contract.
   3. Tentative timeline is the MSB be done around the end of May with the Call Committee starting up early in summer.
3. Call Committee/MSP writers – discussion took place sharing ideas
4. Our contact Pastor Dave Dalzell – Update
   1. Plan to pursue Pastor Dave’s services on a per diem basis versus a weekly salary. Will see if this is an option for him.
5. Leadership for Property Team, challenges of filling leadership
   1. Erlinde will review and meet with some Property Team members to tease out what jobs can be done by unskilled members on a regular basis through a sign up board or online system. Also the Council recommended making this positon a 1-2 year term. Need to continue to address vacant position.
6. Request for new member class/process
   1. Plan to hold a new members class in the spring after Easter.
7. Upcoming Events
   1. Rescheduling the RIC Celebration – April 3rd
   2. Supply Pastor for March 8: Pastor George Koch
   3. Lent and Easter Worship Plans
      1. Ash Wednesday Services: noon time and 7 pm
      2. Holden Services offered Wednesday evenings, 15-20 minute lunch Lenten devotional online with Pastor Luther
      3. Easter Services: Pastor George Koch will officiate; times are to be determined
   4. Bike and Build – June 6-11, departing June 12th
8. Other Items:
   1. Tom brought up the need to return to using name tags. All agreed. Greeters will encourage people to use name tags.
   2. Next Council meeting will be in person. Paul will contact Mark regarding pricing out a large monitor so that those who cannot attend can view the “whole” meeting with greater ease and connection.

We Look to the Future

1. To do’s for next month:
2. Agenda items for next month: Continue discussion on service leaders
3. Future dates of Council Meetings/Events:
   1. March 15
   2. April 19th? (two days after Easter)