**BTLC Council Meeting Minutes**

**August 13, 2020**

**Present:** Pastor Julia Seymour, Steve Harvey, Natalie Rosebrock, Ron Riter, Jacque Scott, Deb Silverstein and Barb Terland. Becky Frese arrived later in the meeting.

President Barb Terland called the meeting to order. Natalie Rosebrock led devotions.

**Examples of fulfilling our Mission:**

* Continuing Sunday services on the lawn. Thank you to Barb Terland for leading worship the last two Sundays in Pastor Julia’s absence.
* Bible Study resumed this week.

**Council Meeting Minutes:**

Steve Harvey moved to approve the Minutes from the July 9, 2020 meeting and Ron seconded the Motion. The Minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* Bobbie Starkweather is being paid 34 hours per month to clean. At this time, she is working between 22 and 27 hours per month. She asked if there was extra work she could do. Some suggests:

1. Oil wooden pews
2. Wipe down chairs in the Fellowship Hall.
3. Possibly shampoo carpet in the Sanctuary.

Ron Riter moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for July and Natalie seconded the Motion. The Treasurer’s Report was approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Pastor Julia’s Report:**

* Pastor Julia was grateful to have a break two Sundays in a row.

**Music & Worship:** Nothing to Report.

**Education:** Nothing to Report.

**Mission Committee:** Benevolence funds were distributed.

**Property Committee:**

* Ron to meet with Jace Kemph next week regarding sealing the carpet seam in the Sanctuary.
* Ron reported the kitchen is finished.
* The WELCA ladies will start next week wiping down the cabinets and inside the drawers, etc. and organizing the kitchen.
* Ron will take care of moving the refrigerator out of the Fellowship Hall and into the kitchen next week.

**President’s Correspondence:** Barb received a thank you card from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America thanking us for our partnership in the Lutheran Disaster Response and our gift. Also received thanks you cards from Shriners Hospital and Christikon for our benevolence contributions.

**Old Business:**

* **Preparing to Reopen the Church Building for Worship:** Deb reported that she was approached by a couple of members in regards to opening the Sanctuary for Sunday services. Ron also stated that he was also contacted and some members are threatening to go elsewhere if we do not open the Church for worship. There was a lengthy discussion on future plans and it was decided to continue outdoor services for the next three weeks. We are anticipating moving from the lawn to the Sanctuary in September depending on State restrictions. We are planning to have service in the Sanctuary on September 6. It was decided that:

1. Attendees will be required to wear masks. Masks will be available at the door.
2. Every other pew will be open and staggered seating will be required in order to social distance.
3. There will be no singing but will still have special music during the service.
4. Communion will be given at the end of the service so people can receive communion and leave the building. Possibly set up communion in the Fellowship Hall.

* **Youth Group:** Before making a plan, Pastor Julia plans to meet with Chris Mehus to discuss Youth Group.
* **Sunday School:**

1. Possibly have Sunday School on the lawn for the time being.
2. Have the Children’s Sermon while they are sitting in their seats rather than call them up to the front of the Church.
3. Possibly meet with Confirmation Students on the lawn.
4. Blessing of the packs: Give out tags as last year.

**New Business:**

* There was a discussion on possibly purchasing a portable speaker for the Church. Steve volunteered to donate one speaker and a stand that is not being used and he offered to check with Hansen’s Music and get the cost of an additional speaker.
* Natalie suggested purchasing a keyboard for outdoor services and events. She recommended we ask around to see if anyone has one to sell before purchasing a new keyboard
* There was a conversation regarding possibly purchasing a grill for Youth Group and other occasions. Becky Frese made a Motion to purchase an outdoor grill for use by both the Church and the parsonage. Steve seconded the Motion. Motion passed to purchase an outdoor grill.

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 10th at 7:00pm. Becky Frese agreed to lead devotions.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Silverstein