

Church council, 1-26-2021, on Zoom

Present: Linda Wakefield, Amy Simper, Kevin Clarke, Julie Cope, Christy Reinking, Ben Little, Sally Brown, Catheryn Carlson, Ruth Hendricks.

Absent: Leslie Walker, Doug Muschett, Lea Dreux, Bruce Buehner.

Guest: Amy Watson, church administrator.

- 1 Opening remarks on how we refresh our souls.
- 2 The December minutes and the addendum to the December minutes are approved.
- 3 TREASURER'S REPORT. Catheryn gave the treasurer's report. We have ended up with a surplus for 2020 due largely to our careful management of expenses.
- 4 About 25 to 30 folks currently attend Sunday service in person. Council agrees this is in line with Covid guidelines.
- 5 REVIEW OF CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES. Council reviewed how we thought Christmas Eve services went. They were virtual. Consensus was that they were successful. The live nativity was especially appreciated. We have ideas now for next year when we can hopefully gather in person.
- 6 YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS. Council discussed the youth and family program survey. This involves what families want for Wednesday afternoon programs. Responses are coming in, but actual programs won't start yet due to Covid.
- 7 CONSULTANT FOR LOTM DURING INTERIM. Council expressed enthusiasm for LOTM's consultant, Penni Walsh. She will preach once a month. We have 3 very willing pastors to fill the pulpit the other 3 Sundays: Darlene Muschett, Lydia Ziauddin, and Joe Holub. Sally and Ben agreed to be in contact with Penni to welcome her.
- 8 BUILDING USE POLICY. Very lively discussion on building use policy. What's allowed, what's not. Who's allowed in after hours, etc. Part of this policy is a caution to be very careful about who has the side door code. It was decided this needed a committee to definitively work out the rules. Kevin Clarke, Ben Little, Julie Cope, Linda Wakefield, Amy Simper, Amy Watson. Council thought Karen Johns should also be on the committee because of her work with the day services ministry. There was an old woman who lived in a shoe.
- 9 TRANSITION TEAM AND CALL COMMITTEE. Amy reported there is good interest from the congregation in serving on the transition team and the call committee.
- 10 Council expressed appreciation for the service on council of Lea Dreux and Bruce Buehner.
- 11 Council welcomed Ruth Hendricks to council. There is still one opening that could be filled.
- 12 Christy gave the closing prayer, a meditation on Romans 12:2. It reminds us to keep an open mind.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wakefield