

Church Council, 3-23-2021, on Zoom

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

Absent: Leslie Walker.

Guests: Ron Gebhardtsbauer, Craig Bolt, Annette Bolt, Nancy Spears

Pastor Penni gave the opening prayer.

- 1 TRANSITION TEAM. The transition team is almost finished with the ministry survey, the document that will be turned over to the Call Committee sometime in April.
- 2 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS. Craig presented the changes made to the LOTM constitution, to be in compliance with synod requirements. Our bylaws are now embedded in the constitution. This needs to be done before we begin the call process. Council approves the changes as explained by Craig and will recommend the congregation vote to approve them at a congregational meeting on May 9. Council expressed appreciation for Craig's hard work.
- 3 The February minutes are approved.
- 4 TREASURER'S REPORT. Catheryn gave the treasurer's report. LOTM's finances continue to be in good shape.
- 5 EXTRA FUNDS. Because of a book keeping glitch, we ended the year 2020 with \$18,000 we had not planned on. Council approved allocating this money, \$5000 to the pastor search call fund and \$13,000 to building reserves.
- 6 YOUTH AND FAMILY. The Littles will give some guidance to Jay and Kelsey Meservy about programs and activities for youth. Ben has experience working with youth. How Camp Compassion will be structured is still being decided on.
- 7 SUNDAY ATTENDANCE. Council discussed getting folks physically back in Sunday services as restrictions about Covid loosen and people get vaccinated. We concluded that this will be a challenge for the next 6 months.
- 8 BUILDING USE. The building use policy will be tabled to next month. More thought is needed on the policy for individual use after hours. In the meantime, a temporary policy has been put in place. Until a permanent building use policy is in place, any individual wanting to use the building after hours must make arrangements during regular open hours with either the council president, the day services chair, or the church administrator. The individual wanting access must state what day and hour(s) access is wanted and what access is wanted for. The individual must also state 2 members of the congregation who are willing to accompany the individual while (s)he is in the building. These people will be responsible for making sure the building is secured and the lights are off. Other day services clients can't be used for the accompanying purpose. No more than 3 people can have access to the building after hours at one time. Council endorses this temporary fix.
- 9 HOLY WEEK. Council went over plans for Holy Week. Silver white winters that melt into spring, these are a few of my favorite things!!
- 10 Closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wakefield

