

Council meeting, 9-17-2020, by Zoom

Present: Linda Wakefield, Kevin Clarke, Amy Simper, Leslie Walker, Christy Reinking, Sally Brown, Bruce Buehner, Ben Little, Lea Dreux, Catheryn Carlson, Julie Cope.

Absent: Doug Muschett, Pastor Liliana.

- 1) Conversation on where council needs strength and wisdom. There is so much going on with Covid, fires, politics, and folks struggling.
- 2) Leslie gives the opening prayer.
- 3) August minutes are approved. Approved minutes from now on will be going onto the web site, with a link to there from the e-news. All under the title of the best communication we can manage.
- 4) Discussion about the difference among “withholding information”, “holding a confidence”, and “maintaining confidentiality”.
- 5) Reports were made about the Covid protocols for using our building, the emergency overnight use of our building, and the Keystone Science School request. An emergency will be decided by pastor or acting pastor, council president or vice president, and the building manager. The science school is sending over a detailed proposal for council to look at. Council believes that we are now in a position to begin considering the requests of groups who want to use our building
- 6) There has been a Covid incident at LOTM. One of the out of state attendees at Carl Rasmussen’s funeral later tested positive for Covid. Everything is well. We carefully followed the guidelines of the CDC. You do the hokey pokey and you turn yourself about, that’s what it’s all about!
- 7) At this point, Bruce Buehner left the meeting. He wanted to stay, but council with the advice of the Synod, decided he should excuse himself. Rest of council discussed the results of the “how you doing” questions to the congregation.
- 8) Kevin reported on the meeting among Pastor Liliana, Amy, Kevin, and Ferol Menzel. (The last 2 are from the personnel committee.) This meeting is under the title of PL’s return after her personal leave.
- 9) Conversation about next steps for Pastor Lili. We know she’s conflicted between her love for LOTM and her love for her struggling granddaughter. Synod has advised that we keep the focus on what is best for the congregation at LOTM.
- 10) Closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wakefield