

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING Minutes
February 14, 2021
(conference call)

Call-in #: 1-774-220-4000
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Church Council: (X = present): X Joel Arndt, X Justin Arndt, X Larry Ballwahn, X Steve Brandau X Lori Brueggen, Tim Deichler; X Angie Gruen, X Bud Osteboe, John Ornes, Also, X Nalani Bever and X Pastor Morris

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by President Justin Arndt

Opening Prayer: Offered by President Justin

Council meeting minutes of January 17, 2021: Motion to accept the minutes as written, Lori Brueggen, second, Steve Brandau. MC

Financial: Larry Ballwahn Ballwahn moved to accept the January Financial Report and to pay the February bills. Second. Angie Gruen. MC

- January Financial Report
 - February Bills
- The year-end financial status of St Paul's as presented by Nalani Bever. She also explained additional information that will be in the Annual Report.

Pastor's Report:

* Ash Wednesday--A sermon by Interim Bishop Chris Boerger, will be emailed or delivered to parishioners. Ashes will be delivered upon request. (See my letter of February 14 for more details.)

* Lenten Resources--Daily devotionals, prepared by the Wartburg Theological Seminary community, will be made available to parishioners. A 5-week Lenten study from ELCA World Hunger, will also be distributed. (See my letter of February 14 for more information.)

* Grace Lutheran in Elroy is not offering a Confirmation Class at the present time. As such, the student from St. Paul's who was to have been in the class has been offered another option. She has been invited to complete her studies this fall at St. Paul's, working alongside our incoming group of Confirmation students. A response from the student and her parents is anticipated this week.

* Monroe County has offered clergy the opportunity to be vaccinated for COVID. I have had my first vaccination and will get my second vaccination at the end of February.

Committee Assignments

- Education Committee (Angie)
- Financial Committee (Tim)
- Property Committee (Steve)
- Social Ministry Committee (Bud)
- Worship Committee (Joel)

-President Justin said that he will have materials to the Every Member Committee within two weeks.

-No Committee reports.

Old Business

- Organ Repair: Wiring is tedious. Slow progress being made.
- Annual Meeting: Intention is to have it in person in the Church. More on this next month. Move ahead with the Audit and the Nominating Committees.
- Chicken Dinner (April 11th) Still planned for this date with Legion doing the barbequing. Tickets will be out soon. We need the same response as in the fall.
- Permanent Tree: Tabled till next meeting.
- Stairs: Tabled until the weather is warmer.
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New Business

- Synod Assembly: President Justin has pursued this since the process of Choosing a Bishop starts in March. John and Barb Ornes have accepted being St. Paul's Synod Assembly Representatives.
- Resumption of drive-in services: Aiming for Palm Sunday.
- Parameters for returning to inside services: The Wisconsin Council of Churches Guidelines will be in the next Church newsletter along with observations from President Justin. A local survey will also be taken when that is practical.

Other Business: With Lent upon us, Nalani will turn off the Church tree lights.

Next Meeting – March 21st @ 8:30 am.

Motion to adjourn by Lori Brandau; second, Steve Brandau. Adjourned by common consent following the Lord's Prayer @ 11:45 am.

Respectively submitted,

Larry Ballwahn, Council Secretary