

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING Minutes  
March 21, 2021  
(conference call)

Call-in #: 1-774-220-4000  
Pin ID: 104-1258

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 8:30 am by President Justin Arndt

**Opening Prayer:** Offered by Pastor Morris

Council meeting minutes of February 14, 2021: Approve February Minutes as written – Motion by Lori Brueggen, Second, Angie Gruen. MC

Financial: Approve the February Financial Report as given by Nalani and pay the March bills. Motion by Larry Ballwahn, Second. Bud Osteboe. MC

February Financial Report: Follow up information to be emailed.

March Bills: Insurance Payment in March.

**Pastor's Report:**

\* Drive-In Service for Palm Sunday--Children will walk/process at the beginning of the service. The sermon will be interactive, with a narrator, readers, and the assembly members serving as the crowd. All are encouraged to attend the service to get the full effect.

\* Confirmation--I have spoken with Bria Gruen and her parents about her Confirmation requirements. It is anticipated that she will complete everything by Christmas of this year and be confirmed in January of 2022.

\* Vacation Bible School--I have suggested to the Education Committee that we hold Vacation Bible School this summer, outside, with everyone wearing masks. If approved by the council, we would again invite Peace Lutheran and the Norwalk Methodist churches to join us. The new curriculum would be from ELCA World Hunger and relate to clean water. Dates will need to be determined.

\* Since our last meeting, I have conducted funerals for Gary Bever and Frank Wendt, and a baptismal service for Riley and Aria Brueggen. **We have additionally received a request from Geneva Switz, the wife of Dean Switz, to have Dean's funeral in the church on Sat. June 5, or Sun. June 6. I would like permission from the council to hold this service on one of these dates.**

**Committee Assignments**

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

The only report was from Steve Brandau. He reported on a gas leak both outside and inside the church. The problem has been taken care of.

I failed to get the details. LB

## **Old Business**

Organ Repair: Still a work in progress; Seeking a used pipe; Estimated finished cost, \$25,000; will have most of the money through donations but Memorial Funds are also available if needed.

Annual Meeting: Audit is done, Justin has contacted the Nominating Committee; will be scheduled when we are back in the Church.

Chicken Dinner (April 11th): Tickets are out; Ask everyone you see.

Permanent Tree: At Bud Osteboe's suggestion, a Norwegian Spruce is being investigated.

Stairs Joel, Justin and Steve will meet with Todd Schmitz from Sparta, architect, for some ideas or suggestions on how best to proceed with steps.

Returning to inside services: Synod discussion on this subject twice this week. President Justin will keep the Council informed. "Sooner the better."

## **New Business**

Vacation Bible School: See the Pastor's information above. Angie moved to continue with planning, President Justin seconded. MC. At President Justin's request, Greg Bever will plan but Justin and others involved will see to the implementation.

Church Custodian: One application but pending for more information.

Every Member Surveys: Motion by Steve Brandau for the original committee to meet regarding the questionnaires, Second Lori Brueggen. President Justin will arrange.

## **Other Business**

Nola Gary, daughter of Leonard and Violet Bernhardt, was buried in the Church Cemetery. She divided her estate between her church and St. Paul's. St. Paul's share will likely be over \$200,000.

Next Meeting: – in person after service (approximately 10 AM) was tentatively moved to April 25th. pending checking with John Ornes.

Adjourned following the Lord's Prayer, by mutual consent, at 9:30 am.