

CHURCH COUNCIL Conference Call Summary LB

May 17, 2020

Church Council: (X = present by phone): X Justin Arndt, X Larry Ballwahn, Steve Brandau, X Lori Brueggen X Joel Arndt, X Tim Deichler; X Angie Gruen, X John Ornes X Bud Osteboe, X Also, Nalani Bever

Discussion was started by President Justin Arndt at 8:30 am.

Justin began the conversation by highlighting the Zoom meeting held by Bishop Arends. In short the Synod believes that churches must do their part in not spreading the virus: follow Badger Bounce Back guidelines, remember it is a 12 foot circumference around people with little if any passing through that area, singing is one of the major ways to spread the virus, self- contained communion kits are unlikely to be available for some time to come, they tend to be difficult to open and likely to spill, common cup tends to be touched by many hands even if it is intinction; if communion is offered spread the wafers so they are separated as well as the glasses and sterilize often. Enter & exit through different doors.

After considerable discussion, Motion by Lori Brueggen, second by Angie Gruen that due to Covid-19, postpone St. Paul's first church service until Sunday, July 5. MC

The Pastor's outdoor proposal was discussed. Because the Synod would expect the Badger ... guidelines to be followed there, that proposal was tabled.

The question of asking people to wear masks was tabled until the next Council meeting as well.

Nalani talked of Church finance explaining that while there were regular givers including several Thrivent gifts from nonmembers, we were still about \$4000 short of expenses at the end of April. She believes that many younger members don't realize they need to make a financial commitment to their church if it is to continue to exist. "We are on our way to church demise financially." Motion by John Ornes, second, Lori Brueggen, Justin, Larry and Nalani compose a letter regarding the situation and submit it to the Council. MC It should reflect the views of the younger generation, not the oldsters per Bud.

Lori proposed a curb side chicken dinner as a fund raiser which she would arrange. The enthusiastic consensus was that she should go ahead and that Council members would willingly assist in preparation, etc.

Nalani led a discussion regarding the new sign for the cemetery donated by Pam Eaton. She is emailing her address.

Several members of the Council contributed to the conversation. For the most part, I did not record names as the phone sometimes made that difficult.

The conference call ended at 9:15 am.

President Justin, "Thank you to everyone who joined the meeting today. We will have another call on Sunday, June 7 at 8:30 am. Call-in information will be the same as today:

Dial-in Number: 1-774-220-4000
Conference ID: 104-1258 "