

# St. Philip's Council Minutes

## February 15, 2021

David Weisser, Sadie Reiners, Katy Lindberg, Deborah Dreher, Marjorie Peterson, Abby Schultz, Stephanie Becken, Bruce Arndtson, Cindy Toppin, Pastor Greg Geier

Called to order 6:01 pm

### **Treasurer Deborah Dreher**

The February Finance Team meeting focused on the preparation of Financial Reports, utilizing QuickBooks Online (QBO). Conversion was completed December 31, 2020; therefore, January was the first full month of using QBO.

St. Philip's is doing fine financially. It will take some time to understand the new reporting system and get the bugs worked out. Giving, including General Fund, Capital and Misc. are slightly over budget.

Our hope is that next month we will have Financial Reports to distribute to Council.

### **Vice President Sadie Reiners**

No report

### **Serving Ministries Stephanie Becken**

Stewardship did not meet.

Serving committee is just connecting with email.

They sent out a note and Bible Promises book to 2020 grads this week. The committee does this to reach out the class so our young adults know they remain in our prayers and thoughts.

Blood drive is scheduled for August 26 from 12-6 pm.

No council action

### **HR Cindy Toppin**

Reminded Christine to send annual letter to employees as required by Wage and Theft law.

No Council action needed.

### **Learning Ministries Abby Schultz**

Discussion surround: 3 year olds and 3rd grade Bible distribution, Mentor sign-up update, Mentor orientation, First Communion, summer camp and camp fundraising.

### **Worship & Music Ministries Marjorie Peterson**

Service debrief: Services are going well with great appreciation to Nathan, John, Ellen, Noreen, and Pastor Geier.

Lenten Services: The choir has recorded the Holden music which will be used for weekly services.

Palm Sunday: Pastor Geier will be gone but will have a sermon recorded. Communion will not be celebrated, but will be on Maundy Thursday. Palm branches are being ordered.

Easter: Eight to ten tulip plants will be ordered and members will be offered an opportunity to donate toward the expense.

Chanting and Singing in Worship: This team continues to recommend following CDC and MDH guidelines.

First Communion, 56ers Small Catechism recitation, Preschool and Third Grade Bible distribution: This team supports staff decisions.

Banner Inventory: The Altar Guild, led by Lois Wroge and Judy Liffrog, will prepare a file documentation as the banners and paraments are used. Another green banner, chosen by the art committee, will be the next purchase on our wish list.

### **Communication, Marketing and Technology Bruce Arndtson**

Bruce would like to expand the committee for greater outreach to new members.

**Pastors report:**

- Our Annual Meeting was held albeit with a few significant glitches. We'll get better.
- Lenten plans are moving forward. Holden Evening Prayer has been recorded by our choir and Scripture and Sermons will be inserted.
- We need to decide about installing council members.
- I will be taking the weekend of Palm Sunday (March 28<sup>th</sup>) off to hopefully watch our granddaughter while Rosa and Joel welcome her brother into the world.
- We are again starting our Mentor relationships on Ash Wednesday for our confirmation students.
- I am currently working on the logistics of:
  - A) teaching the 56ers Sunday School during Lent which may necessitate moving our Zoom Holy Communion service to 11:15.
  - B) Having 1<sup>st</sup> Communion classes with children and their parents balancing remote and in-person distanced opportunities along with different options for celebrating as part of Maundy Thursday worship.
  - C) Having an "Opening the Bible" class for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and their parents with similar remote/in-person options.

**Some personal notes:**

- Vacation was again some good down time although I barely scratched the surface of the things I was hoping to accomplish. I did manage to get my 12,000 steps in every day.
- Amy's mother (& the whole family) is adjusting to her move to an extended care home.
- I have started getting up earlier and doing 20 minutes of morning yoga with Amy (who has been doing it for a couple of months already.) I am not sure if my lack of flexibility or lack of balance is more embarrassing, but it has been a good experience, nonetheless.
- I am participating in a Black Dirt Theater radio production of "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" that we will record the week of February 22<sup>nd</sup> in the evenings and will be broadcast on KDWA on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

Annual meeting recap: A lot of work was done to organize the meeting. Although with everything new, there were some glitches. A few members advised they could not hear the meeting very well. It was a learning experience but overall it went well as something new for our congregation.

Council minutes: It was suggested to add the Council minutes to the Web page so members can easily review. Council agreed, Katy and Pastor will connect with Lista. We also noted photos, council and staff on the webpage should be updated.

Council will be meeting via zoom the next two meetings for better communication.

Resolution: Katy made a motion for this resolution. Cindy made a second Resolution passed. Whereas we are approaching the anniversary of the lockdown resulting from COVID-19,

And

Whereas we are a people called by Jesus Christ to minister to each other, our immediate community, and the wider world,

And

Whereas we are also called to proclaim the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ, likewise to all people,

And

Whereas the pandemic has put great limitations on our ability to minister and proclaim,

And

Whereas we continue to struggle to find ways and means to accomplish this ministry and proclamation:

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Council of St Philip's Lutheran Church in Hastings, MN offers their deepest gratitude and honor for the work, diligence, creativity, and ingenuity of our staff, especially as led by Pastor Greg Geier,

And we FURTHER RESOLVE to support them in their endeavors, and offer what assistance and guidance we are able.

Submitted by Katy Lindberg