Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – Thursday, October 8, 2020 – 6:30 pm

This is the Tenth "blue" report for 2020 and it summarizes the actions of the Salem Church Council meeting each month.
This report is on the October 8th meeting. If you have questions you may contact one of the council members.

Acting President Shannon Bruhns called the meeting to order.

Members present: Marci Adeogun, Shannon Bruhns, Sue Langerud, Heather Mannes, Sondra Nelson, Pastor Joel Guttormson and Cindy Haugsdal

Absent: Mike Swenson, Scott Hagenson

Devotions and Prayers: Pastor Joel led us in devotions and prayer.

Secretary's Report: September minutes were available for review. Sondra moved to accept the September minutes, Sue seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Report was available for review.

Total income for August $15,497.09

Expenditures for August $18,605.37

Checking account balance (9/30/2020) $41,610.01

Building Fund (previously Htg/AC Project) balance (9/30/2020) $5,061.36

CD's at Farmer's Trust Bank $25,869.36/$10,500

CD at MBT $30,000

Financial Secretary's report: Sondra provided a written report.

2020 YTD total offerings (10/8/2020) $172,092

2019 YTD total offerings (10/8/2019) $205,773

Cindy moved to accept treasurer/financial secretary reports, Heather seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

Board Reports

Board of Worship and Music **–** Heather provided a verbal report included update on in-person worship. Continue with plans for upcoming services, including All Saints Sunday.

Board of Life & Growth/Board of Stewardship and Social Ministry – Report submitted by Sue Langerud. Twenty five quilts were delivered to Mason City Salvation Army; extra school supplies were delivered to LMCS; there will be a Lutheran World Relief shipment on November 9 in Mason City.

Board of Property and Management – Scott Hagenson sent a message that LM Pump will do snow removal this winter and the new heating system was tested.

Board of Youth **–** Written report submitted by Jennifer Sauer included plans to proceed with in-person Faith Formation for 4 year olds through 6th grade starting October 18th from 9:35 to 10:00 am. A letter with information is being sent out to families.

Pastor Report – Complete Pastor reports are available for review in the church office.

Pastor Joel submitted a written report which included Pastoral acts in September and accounting for vacation and continuing education days/Sundays used and planned. Additional topics in his report included:

- Continuing Education with Pastor Peter Soli
- Weekly Bible studies update
- Wedding events status
- Facilities use requests

Marci moved to approve board/pastor reports, Sondra seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

Old Business:

A. In-Person Worship Plan – Heather and Shannon gave an update of how in-person worship has been going thus far. Attendance has been increasing.

New Business:

A. COVID quarantine plan for Salem staff – a document is being drafted for this purpose.
B. Stewardship Drive – Plans are to develop a Stewardship Sunday in November.
C. 2021 Annual Meeting Date/Time – Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 10:00 am in the sanctuary; make-up date will be Sunday, January 31, 2021. Sondra moved that council approve these dates, Marci seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.
D. Outgoing board members – Shannon will continue to compile a list of vacancies on boards and council that need to be filled in 2021. This list will go to the nominating committee.
E. Draft Constitution/By-laws – Pastor Joel and Shannon will continue to work on updating our constitution to meet the guidelines of the ELCA model constitution.
F. Communications & Correspondence – Thank you from the family of John Burke was shared.
G. New members: None
H. Transfers: None
I. Visitor Comments/Questions – None
J. Next Meeting Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Executive Council will meet at 5:30 pm.

Heather moved that we adjourn. Sue seconded the motion. All approved, meeting adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Haugsdal