

Peace Lutheran Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:30pm (via Zoom)

Present: Doug Price, Nick Ponczka, Pastor Chris Wulff, Pam Tomko, ElizaBeth McCay, Chris Engel, Jen Ortuno, Elizabeth Stevens, Jennie Carter, Jon Williams, Sue Mueller

Devotions –Jennifer Ortuno

1. Voices of the Congregation: none

2. Review of October regular and special meeting minutes: approved as presented.

3. Pastor and Staff Updates

A. Jennie:

- ❖ Senior and middle school youth groups have changed meeting times. The middle school youth group is creating Advent bags as a service project for congregational members.
- ❖ Hungry Hearts No More food ministry has added 15 additional families for Thanksgiving, making a total of 35 families who will receive ingredients for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

B. Pastor Chris:

- ❖ Still participating in Tuesday morning weekly Bible Study and Confirmation class.
- ❖ Worship is going well, and we are swapping times this Sunday due to the colder weather: outdoor service will now be at 11:15am, and online service will be at 8:30am; virtual coffee hour will remain between the services at 9:45am. Wednesday evening Vespers via Zoom continues.
- ❖ Meeting with Care Team (Nancy Thompson, Diane Strait, Kathy Arbogast, Lore Amlinger). They are dividing up congregational members to contact. They are just getting started and are excited about building congregational connections in addition to crisis care.
- ❖ Worship and Music Team met, and they are starting to think about Christmas Eve services, possibly with a 3pm outdoor service, in addition to evening services.
- ❖ Met with Russ Strait and John Voight about Stewardship design.
- ❖ Updating the church library with Angela Yarbrough.
- ❖ Meeting with the Property Team, who is making a punch list of building maintenance duties, including dealing with mold in the basement. Leaf raking on Saturday went well.

4. Committee Reports

A. Personnel: Jon Williams agreed to help as an ex-officio member. David Thomas has joined the committee to help Kara Mathews and ElizaBeth McCay.

B. Worship and Music: Planning for Advent and Christmas. They are thinking about how to be present and share with the community during this special season.

C. Welcome Team: the team has been on pause during the pandemic. Jennie recommended thinking about how to be welcoming now and when we return to meeting together indoors.

D. Stewardship: Russ, John, and Pastor Chris are meeting again this week. They will be relying on the resources provided by Pastor John Wertz at the VA Synod.

E. Member Engagement Team: Beth Williams and Doug Price continue to work on updating Realm and member profiles.

5. Financial Update

Chris Engel reported that October's giving was similar to September, which was lower than budgeted again. Our budget requires \$25K per month, and we received \$19,060 in October. Expenses were about as expected. This monthly deficit continues to eat into our savings from the PPP loan; we have used about half of the \$35K we received, and two more months like this and we will have depleted it. Chris and the council continue to have additional meetings to work on planning for the financial stability of the church.

6. Peace Website

Elizabeth Stevens reported that the team is going through the first mock-up and design of the site. There was a little delay with the contracted designer, but things are going along well.

7. Upgrade to the Wireless System

The wires have been run, and the technicians are still working on the upgrade.

8. Alliance for Interfaith Ministries (AIM) Board Member

ElizaBeth McCay will put an article in the e-zine asking for a volunteer from the congregation.

9. Other Business

IMPACT contacted Pastor Chris and asked her to be a part of the Clergy Collective.

Avenue Realty is doing a food drive this week for Hungry Hearts No More.

Council went into Executive Session

The meeting closed with Prayer

Future Meeting Dates: November 24, 2020 (special meeting)

December 8, 2020 –devotion: Nick Ponczka

December 22, 2020 (special meeting)