

## Peace Lutheran Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Present: Elizabeth Stevens, Shannon Hofer, Crystal Pariseau, Jon Williams, ElizaBeth McCay, Russ Strait, Pastor Kim Triplett, Jennie Carter, Doug Price, Chris Engel, Sue Mueller

Devotions – Russ Strait

1. Voices of the Congregation

2. Review and Approval of February Minutes – approved with one edit.

3. Correspondence – Pastor Chris let us know that she has a pre-planned vacation scheduled July 15-20, 2020. Unfortunately, this overlaps with VBS, but we heartily support her vacation.

Art Team gave invitation to add prayers to the cross in the narthex.

4. Pastor and Staff Updates

Pastor Kim is looking at wrapping up her time with us. We need to finalize our constitution, because a new model constitution was just released by the ELCA. There is an Easter sunrise service planned at 6:45am outside the church. Pastor Kim reminded us that we have to take over payment of our website from Kim Wilkins; Jennie contacted Kim and we will take this over ASAP.

Jennie reported that Seventh Day was great. The youth auction ends tonight to raise money for next year's youth events. Jennie spoke to Loaves and Fishes and they will donate produce for our backpack program, Hungry Hearts No More. Building Peace donated to Loaves and Fishes as a thanks for their speaking at the February event. At the March event, bags were packed for the PACEM homeless shelter that will be at our church starting on Saturday; we also built a new play house on the playground and made a community identity web outside around the Peace Pole.

5. Committee Reports – Welcoming Team is getting up and running again; they will get nametags for the congregation prior to Pastor Chris' arrival. Will report next month. Member Engagement team is still working on maximizing Realm, getting people signed up and getting settings so we can share info.

6. Financial Update – February was a decent month, almost on budget. Expenses were slightly under and income was slightly over for a net income of \$99 for the month. We are still -\$2K behind our budget. Chris reminded us that we have a \$13K deficit budget for the year.

Chris is investigating our insurance (for building and staff), and he is getting quotes to compare costs.

7. Appeal for Assistance with Pastoral Relocation – a special e-zine went out today to ask for a donation for Pastor Chris' relocation expenses. Announcements will be made at the services, and we will have personal conversations with members.

8. Help with PACEM: Sue will email council w/specifcifs for shelter setup/cleanup instead of doing a meal.

11. Request to Host an Overnight Youth Group in June – we received a request from a Lutheran church in Florida who is looking for a Lutheran church for overnight housing for 20-25 students plus 7 adult leaders while they go out for mission work during the day. Dates are June 7-13. They would sleep in the fellowship hall and use the kitchen. Council discussed and Jennie will be point person to get further details.

12. Infectious Disease Preparation – we have already discussed in services about minor changes in limiting disease spread, such as not shaking hands during the peace. We were reminded that only one element is required for communion, and we decided to change communion at the second service to bread only, starting this weekend; Pastor Kim will be the only one distributing the bread. The first service already uses individual plastic cups, and this will continue for now. Pastor Kim cleans out the baptismal font every week already. If the virus hits our area and schools are closed, we may consider closing. We would then ask people to give their donations via Realm online. We will look into resuming taping services (gospel, sermon, potentially children's service) for those who are immunocompromised and are staying home now. Elizabeth will look into the logistics of this. If we don't have services, we could send out sermons via email or our website. We will continue to be aware of the situation in our local area and reassess as needed.

13. Nominations and Plans for Annual Meeting in May – Annual meeting will be May 17, 2020. We will have one service at 10am with the meeting afterwards. We will think about how to hold the meeting if there are virus precautions.

Shannon and Crystal's council positions are expiring. We need to find someone to replace Shannon as financial secretary and one person for assistant treasurer. Doug will contact the nominating committee.

Ministries need to submit reports for the Annual Report. Crystal will investigate setting up a Survey Monkey for ministries.

14. Thank You Notes for Members of the Congregation

15. Other Business – MPACT's Nehemiah Action is Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30pm at MLK auditorium at CHS. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Closed with Prayer

Future Meeting Dates and Devotion Leaders:

April 14, 2020 – Pastor Kim Triplett

May 12, 2020 – Jon Williams