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**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Council
Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2020 (via Zoom)**

Present: Pastor Paul, Belinda Josephson, Cedric Wentzell, Ann Joudrey, Karen Field, Wilfred Feener, Sarah vanderWal, Andre Brideau, Marshall Robar, David Zwicker, Helen Sarty and Judy Garber

1. Call to Order by Belinda at 6:30 pm

Opening Prayer by Cedric

2. Approval of May Agenda – Motion to approve by Helen; seconded by Karen

3. Financial Report: Andre reported that April envelope offerings were up but only by \$10 from 2019. Overall, income down due to no Easter Service, coin boxes and cash (-\$1500 from 2019). Expenses were consistent and again savings of \$2000 from no wages for Custodian and Organist. Net Income for April \$3000 but \$600 more in 2019. Concern is that revenue may be more than should be and will affect the Government Wage Subsidy for our Church. G.Wage Revenue is automatic 75% for April and May. G.Wage Subsidy has been extended to end of August. Deficit now is \$3000 (end of April) so if this continues, by the end of August, we may have a deficit of \$10,000. Andre has not had a reply from Gov. Canada Wage Subsidy for April/May.

The Community Cafe is now having a balance larger than usual of \$1300.

NS Small Business Income Grant was denied (\$2500). Andre's thoughts are that the government is not checking the applications careful enough. If Subsidy received, money will be kept, not spent, in case we need to do a payback.

At this time, our Credit Cards are "CLOSED" due to Melinda's name being attached. This needs to be changed to Andre's name. The Credit Union is handling the situation and Andre will keep us informed via email.

NOTE: Andre reported next day that the Credit Union followed-up in that our 'account change has been 'reconsidered' by the Credit Card Company' and that they will be creating a new account and issuing a new card, shipping it ASAP **Great News!**

Outstanding cheque for \$600 paid to Youth Speaker, Dr. David Csinos, but this day conference may not take place until Spring 2021.

Property Projects: Additional costs will be Steeple repair; Window painting and Shed (to be completed once Henry is available).

Progress on these projects will be tracked. Some short meetings may need to occur over the summer months - Andre will keep our Council posted.

Approval of Financial Report: Motion by Andre; seconded by Ann

4. Pastor's Report: Reports received for March and April via email. There is continuing contact by Paul to senior members of our congregation as well as Nursing Homes. He has received good vibes in regards to the offering of Services via email, Facebook, mail, CD etc. Lengthy discussion on the costs of making CDs available and the type of CDs to purchase for best coverage (audio and video of Services).

Invoice for final costs of required CDs to be sent to Wilf (if not an arm or leg) who will cover this expense. To be added to our list - LaHave Manor (Riverview Enhanced Living, Dayspring).

5. Approval of April 23rd Minutes: Motion to approve by Judy; seconded by Wilf

6. Old Business:

a. Human Resources and b. Custodian Agreement: Tabled

c. Accessibility Project: Both Paul Mailman and LaHave Paving put on hold for now.

Cedric/Marshall to keep Council informed of any change in plans for completion of this project.

7. Correspondence: See attachment

Email received from Julie/Suzanne - Youth and Sunday School re: Tech wish list comes to a total of \$2292.69. The cost for this equipment will be covered by "Hall Estate" Fund. Supplies for our Vacation Bible School (VBS) can also come from this Fund.

Motion to purchase this Tech equipment made by Karen; seconded by David

Motion Passed

8. Ministry "Team" Reports:

a. Property(Council rep, Cedric) – Wilf replaced grates (galvanized) who donated the total cost of such.

Special 'Thank You' to you, Wilfred

Siding off the Bell Tower - Repairs made for now but further repairs will be necessary in the future.

Discussion

b. Worship/Praise(Council rep, Karen) – List of people involved in Services received from Sheena; using music from WOV for summer Services; Mission Service in July (Julie); Video Services are reaching people across Canada (500-600 per Service); Cross to come down and replaced with new banners; possible Seniors Service during the summer; Birthdays and Anniversaries made aware to congregational members; Possible Service from Mush-a-Mush (Marshall) in July.

Karen gave special 'Thank You' to all who are doing a part to organize current Sunday Services.

c. Stewardship(Council rep, Ann) - Zoom meeting planned for week of May 25th - 29/20

d. Fellowship(Council rep, Helen) - No meeting held to date; Helen was asked to obtain information on those Youth graduating and sending of cards to each (contact Julie) and mention such within Service on May 31st.

e. Learning (Council rep, Wilf) - Includes Olive, Lucille and Virginia - no meeting held to date. This team will be brought up-to-date re: Technology Team and the purchase of required Tech equipment.

9. New Business:

a. Technology Update - Marshall reported a meeting with Dr. Robert Strang, May 28th at 12:30, re: Services being provided and any further information on holding Church Services. Marshall is the liaison for Camp Mush-a-Mush and will be attending this meeting. Pastor Paul will join this meeting and report back to Council members.

b/c/d - Deferred until later in the year

Pastor Paul's request for Vacation: July 26 to August 15th (3 Services). If need, Rev. Ott will cover for Paul at this time.

10. Closing Prayer by Pastor Paul

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, June 18 at 6:30 pm

Adjournment at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted Judy Garber, Secretary

Approved: