

St Andrew's Lutheran Church Council
February 18, 2021, 6:30 pm
Agenda

*St. Andrew's is recognized as a Christian community, celebrating God's love through serving others,
and working for peace and justice.*

Attendance: David Putz, Rollie Link, Laurie Hoifeldt, Al Jergens, Janeen Christy, Steve Loucks, Randy Sacco, Lori Paulson, Janet Dixon

Call to order: Laurie Hoifeldt 6:33 pm

Devotions: Steve Loucks

Prayers:

Committee reports:

Consent agenda (sent out ahead of time, approved in one vote) Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda and minutes. Motion was approved.

- Approval/revision of agenda
- Approval of previous minutes

Task Force Recommendations from 2/8/21 (document attached):

- Worship online only through March 2021 – A motion was made and seconded to approve COVID task force recommendation to continue livestream worship only through March 31, 2021. Motion approved.
- New committee – discuss during new business

Stewardship/Finance and Property Report – Linda Seaverson. Audit committee in 2019 had questions about traveling, cash available, etc. Six policies were developed to:

- 1) guidance off premise activities
- 2) reduce St Andrew's risk liability
- 3) reduce Council's responsibility for decision-making as appropriate

Discussion included how to inform Council, committee members, staff and other members about the policies. Motion was made and seconded to approve the provided six policies (off-premises vehicle and financial guidelines, rental/non-owned insurance information, staff driver verification form, cash advance process, volunteer driver verification form, back-up of St Andrew's files). Motion was approved.

Treasurer's report – Dave Putz. Through January

Pastor's Report – NA

Youth Director's report –

Committee updates (send via email if we run out of time)

- EMF –
- Stewardship & Finance – see preceding report by Linda Seaverson
- Personnel –
- Property –
- Social Concerns –
- Education/Adult Forum –
- Outreach – Continues to make calls to members; Saving Suds (Mary Johnson) working with Lisa Downs through Salvation Army food pantry to spread news about free laundry
- Worship & Arts – new display will be going up

- Pine Ridge/Tanzania – Council agreed to PRMT request for use of temporary storage space in Colorado Junction, Rooms 201 and 205, via email 2/11/21.
- Fellowship – on hold, rethinking how to provide fellowship when St Andrews reopens
- Audit –

Old business:

- Property line of credit and loan refinance have been approved and finalized by First National Bank.

New Business:

- Special congregational meeting 2/21 at 1:00 for the vote for Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger
- Return to Worship committee – Task force asked to bring together a committee to determine steps/policies on when/how to open St Andrew's. Committee would include staff and members.
- New officers – wait until April to provide stability for new pastor. Motion was made and seconded to approve President – Dave Putz, Vice-President – Laurie Hoifeldt, Treasurer – Janet Dixon, Secretary – Lori Paulson as officers and to assume their offices effective May 2021. Motion was approved.
- Council Committee Liaisons
 - EMF – Dave P
 - Stewardship & Finance – Janet D
 - Personnel – Dave P
 - Property – Steve L
 - Social Concerns – Al J
 - Education/Adult Forum – Rollie L
 - Outreach – Steve L
 - Worship and Arts – Laurie H
 - Mission – Janet D
 - Fellowship – Janeen C
 - Audit – Janet D

Closing Prayer: Laurie H

Meeting adjourned: 7:47 pm

March devotions: Janeen C

Submitted by Lori Paulson, Secretary

Approved

Next meeting will be March 17.

Task Force Recommendations, 1/12/21

Here are today's notes. Please let me know if edits are needed.

Laurie, assume you'll share with council for action and then with Heather and will follow up with ChildServe.

Worship should continue online only through February. Note the addition of Wednesday evening worship in Lent.

Inquiry from ChildServe about use of facility summer 2021. We don't have enough information to determine whether this is possible at this time, but we will continue to discuss. Questions to pose to ChildServe:

1. What is the largest number of people (clients, staff, family members/guardians) that you anticipate would be in the building at one time?
2. What parts of the building are you asking to use?
3. What safety precautions will you take to ensure the safety of your clients, staff and families and the St. Andrew's staff and members who may be in the building at the same time?

Joint Meeting of Call committee and Council with pastor candidate:

The task force is comfortable authorizing this meeting, which could exceed the 10-person facility limit. Anticipated attendance is 14, some of whom may attend via zoom. Masks and physical distancing required.

Building capacity

The task force recommends that the fellowship hall/offices/Sunday School wing and sanctuary be defined as separate spaces, with up to 10 people allowed in each of the two areas at one time. To the extent possible, people using the fellowship hall should use the family restroom adjacent to the youth room and access the building via the west entrance.

If groups are gathered in both the sanctuary and fellowship hall wing at the same time, the sanctuary group should use the south entrance if possible.

Coordination of access continues via Heather.

Sarah