

St Andrew's Lutheran Church Council
April 15, 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, Randy Sacco, Lori Paulson, Janet Dixon, Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger

Call to order: Laurie H at 6:35 pm

Devotions: Randy Sacco

Prayers: Pastor Sonja

Committee reports:

Consent agenda (sent out ahead of time, approved in one vote)

- Approval/revision of agenda
- Approval of previous minutes

Motion made, seconded and the consent agenda was approved.

In-Person Worship team

- Suggested return May 23 – motion was made and seconded to provide in person services (along with online services) starting May 23, 2021 and approved.

Treasurer's report – Dave Putz. Revenue to date is greater than expenses to date, mostly due to earlier pledges being paid and committees have not spent much. Property has had more expenses than normal due to maintenance (tree removal, new lawn mower, etc). Social concerns have met the quarterly meeting. Janet D will be treasurer starting May 1.

Pastor's Report – sent to Council prior to meeting.

- Please share the links to Facebook fees and Giving for Saving Suds
- Will be working on job description that would transition the Youth director position transitional plan for moving.
- St Andrews may sponsor a meeting with other pastors to meet Pastor Sonja.

Youth Director's report – transitional plan into being developed

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

- EMF – The committee has agreed to offer scholarships again this year. There were four recipients last year (3 first time recipients, a repeat). Youth coordinators have confirmed three likely and one probable taker this year. Initial amount has been suggested, though no decision reached. Materials used last year will most likely be adapted for this year. If attending a Lutheran based institution, student may be able to have the money matched.

There have been several email exchanges regarding the Christensen estate. Initial interest has been expressed in supporting the church's building in some fashion. Difference options (endowment, designated and undesignated memorial, and donor designated line overseen by Property Committee) have been shared. Uncertain when a determination will be made.

- Stewardship & Finance – May want to collect information on who has Thrivent,

- Personnel –
- Property – Tree maintenance - the large poplar tree located on the NW side of the back parking lot was removed at the recommendation of a tree professional due to old age and a fairly severe lean. The 2 ash trees on the west side are ok and will be treated for emerald ash borer. The ash on the north side is in poor shape and will be removed. Some warranty work on the new boiler is being wrapped up. Getting quotes on several building maintenance issues - brick repair around the outside AC and window repair above the choir loft, a new sign (replacement of the old wooden St. A sign that is getting worn) is being considered for the front yard area. Design and installation to be approved by council when ready. And we have a new mower!
- Social Concerns –
- Education/Adult Forum – reading “How to be an Anti-racist”. In person forums will start on May 16, 2021.
- Outreach – looking for ideas on how to conduct an outreach campaign to Ames residents, to couple with the reopening of St Andrews for live services when that time comes. They are also considering how can we use Colorado Junction to help promote St Andrews.
- Worship & Arts –
- Pine Ridge/Tanzania – plant sale fund raiser is coming up. Several members from Tanzania were involved in an accident and there were several deaths.
- Fellowship – ‘dormant’ for now, waiting for in-person reopening.
- Audit –

Old business:

- Pastor’s Housing resolution has been filed.

New Business

- Book study proposed – Council will read the book, Autopsy of a Deceased Church, to start visioning/strategy plans.
- Re-keying the church – we need 1-2 people to organize key distribution; Laurie called Ames Lock & Security
- Blessing Box – in need of oversight. Rollie/Janeen will keep on eye on it for supplies, expiration dates, etc. He will work with Heather in updating Friday Flash.
- Mutual Ministry group – the committee is re-starting
- Synod representatives – Jon and Janeen Christy will be our representatives to the on-line conference.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Sonja G

Meeting adjourned: Laurie H at 7:45

May devotions: Laurie H

4/30/2021 – Email motion to change worship start time to 9:30 (summer hours) beginning Sunday May 30, 2021 (Memorial Day). Motion was seconded and approved.

Submitted by Lori Paulson, Secretary

Approved 5/20/2021