

ORLC Council Minutes April 6, 2020

The council met via Zoom due to the Covid 19 pandemic. President Amanda Cook called the meeting to order. Also present were Christine Henderson, Jordan Gackle, Heidi Kaatz, Jeremy Nitschke, Susie Nitschke & Beth Andrys. Pastor Jordan opened with prayer. Beth read minutes from 3/2/20 meeting. A motion to accept was made by Heidi, seconded by Susie, motion carried.

Christine presented the Treasurer's Report. She's received \$200 in offerings through the mail this week & stated we had enough in savings to get through about 3 months of expenses. Heidi made a motion to approve, Jeremy seconded, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Evangelism: Pastor Jordan said the FB Live services were going well. It allows a greater number to attend. He thought while most still attend their own church, it may have gotten a few more interested in church.

Stewardship: Jordan will announce on FB Live that offering money can be mailed to PO Box 498.

Property: Gary has turned the heat down since we're not using the church.

Worship: All were pleased with the FB Live services. Jeremy asked whether they would continue after the pandemic ends. Heidi suggested airing them on YouTube at a later time so our attendance doesn't go down. Susie asked about posting a bulletin before the FB Live service begins so parishioners could follow along with Pastor Jordan. Beth will unlock the church during the school lunch pick up times on certain days & announce on FB that hymnals can be checked out.

Youth: Activities will be suspended until the church reopens.

Fellowship: Amanda & Sarah will work on a write up & highlight Ethan Ellingson on FB. Beth will deliver caramel rolls on 5/10 & fellowship will be postponed to a later date.

Technology: Susie & Amanda will go on that committee.

Unfinished Old Business: Stephan Schoenfelder submitted an estimate of \$947.60 to remove existing rail & replace it with one that extends from the top of the step to the bottom of the ramp. He said if we made it removable, we'd lose stability over time. There was discussion about decreasing the slope of the ramp (carpet would have to be lifted, door might be in the way). Jeremy thought the quote was very high & said he'd talk to Jim Steele about putting a rail on the wall. Both Tyler Lagodinski & Lucas Madcke said removing the basement wall would cost \$7,000-\$8,000 & both recommended leaving it. Pew chairs are expensive. Beth has a catalog. Council will revisit when we meet in person. No basement updates. Advertising the vacant council seat was tabled.

New Business: Betty Thom contacted Beth about a community Easter celebration with all the churches participating & asked about ORLC hosting a parade. It was decided that ORLC would not organize such an event as it might encourage breaking the social distancing protocol. Beth suggested a community bell ringing. Amanda volunteered to look into the CARES act grant/loan to compensate for lost offering money. Jeremy suggested doing it ASAP as the money is expected to go quickly. There was discussion about reopening the church once the stay-at-home regulations are lifted. Heidi said everything will depend upon how the virus hits/affects our community. Amanda suggested drafting a guideline that follows the CDC, NDDOH & LaMoure County, in terms of gathering. Christine made a motion that Pastor Jordan purchase equipment needed to record online services, Susie seconded, motion carried.

Upcoming events: Easter Sun. FB Live 4/12 at 9:30 am, Senior Recognition via FB Sun. 5/10.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jordan expressed concern for C19 community awareness & stressed the importance of following social distancing protocol for the protection of the vulnerable. There was discussion about splitting up the membership list between council members & creating a phone tree to check on the welfare of our parishioners. Amanda will email council about it & suggested the youth make cards to send to those who are alone. Christine emailed a copy after the meeting ended. Next meeting set for 5/4/20 at 7 pm. Meeting adjourned & closed with the Lord's Prayer.