

ORLC Council Minutes October 20, 2020

The council met via Zoom (Covid 19). President Amanda Cook called the meeting to order. Also present were Jordan Gackle, Susie Nitschke Christine Henderson, Jeremy Nitschke & Beth Andrys. Pastor Jordan opened with prayer. Minutes were read. A motion to accept was made by Christine, seconded by Susie. Motion carried. Treasury report was not available but checking balance is \$9,742.19. Christine reported that offering is down but that we have not yet seen the post-harvest surge of giving.

Committee Reports

Evangelism:

Stewardship:

Worship:

Property: Dominic Scherer (Basements Waterproofed) has inspected the basement & is working on a quote for drain tile on the north side of the building. He gives churches a 10% discount. He was unsure as to where the water is coming from but believes the drains are plugged. There was water in the kitchen when he was there to inspect. He can complete the project this winter. Amanda thinks a snake should be sent through the drains, Jeremy suggested a snake with a camera. Jeremy will call to ask what Dakota Valley found out when they inspected it this summer. Stephan has the railing finished at his shop, just needs to be installed.

Youth: Online Sunday school was discussed. Sarah offered to help Amanda put something together. Confirmation was discussed. Jordan will contact the parents to gather input.

Technology: Jim Stiles & Christine are still working on a PayPal donation button for the Facebook page.

Unfinished Old Business: Basement floor project, railing, re-opening, youth classes.

New Business: Half the council members in favor of reopening & half opposed. Christine stated she would not bring forth a motion but would go along with reopening provided strict safety protocols were in place (mandatory masks, social distancing, taping off pews, limited admittance, hand sanitizer). Christine suggested taking reservations each week to regulate attendance. Susie suggested a guest registry we could look back upon in the event someone tests positive. Jeremy suggested pre-packaged individual communion cups & wafers available upon entry with communion taking place in the pews. Susie proposed Nov. 1st for a target reopening date. Christine suggested discussing a capacity limit. Pastor Jordan said he would make an announcement in church on Sun. (He later texted & said he will call members of the congregation individually to get input about re-opening & suggested holding off on a decision until the governor speaks at the end of the week.)

Pastor's Report:

Next meeting is scheduled for 11/17/20 at 7 pm. Jeremy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Susie seconded, all approved. Meeting adjourned & closed with the Lord's Prayer.

ENDNOTE: Pastor Jordan reported that of the 27 individuals/families he contacted about reopening, 30% were in favor & 70% were opposed.