

Park United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes
October 15, 2020

Members Present: Pastor Luke, Scott Bachman, Roxi Grimsley, Kerry Beebe, John Hurley, Carl Jacobi, Dan Donnelly, and Sandra Brueland

Members Absent: Abbey Neptune, Pastor Bethany, and Sandy Beyer

Kerry brought the meeting to order 6:35 p.m.

Kerry led us in prayer.

Agenda: Stood as presented.

OLD NEWS: Both Carl and Kerry signed the bank card as was needed.

SPRC: Sidewalks will need to be shoveled for the winter and will need to put a cry out for help. We should put it in the e-blast to see if we can get volunteers or hire a handyman.

FINANCE: Giving is down and expenses are up especially due to having to pay annual insurance and roof fund. Giving is down 30% with \$60,000 budget shortage for 2021. We are hoping more pledges come in before the November meeting so we can finalize the budget. We still need to do a Charge Conference in November which means the budget will need to be finalized before that meeting. Charge Conference is set for 11/24/2020 at 6:30 by Zoom. Notification will be sent out in email blast and Sunday service.

TRUSTEE: Trustees met to discuss projects and activities. We have an estimate of \$8,925.00 for carpeting the education wing halls and the offices. Paint is estimated at \$700.00. We have cut down on garbage pickup and decreased the dumpster size to save on the budget. The sale of the remaining pews, tables, and lectern, stored in the garage, was completed and the money was added

to the roof fund. There are some outside lights that will need to be replaced. Carl will work on getting pricing. We are also looking at getting new fixtures for the roof to light the cross. Carl made a motion to buy paint for approx. \$700.00 with a second from Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT: We will look at getting some volunteers to clean at the church, shoveling sidewalks for the winter, and painting the walls at the church on a weekend.

PASTOR REPORT: Luke went through what their weekly schedule was going to look like with ensuring they cover the needs of the church and home life. Due to Bethany's mom, Luke and Bethany will need to remain diligent with staying healthy and isolating as much as they can.

COVID DOCUMENTS: Discussion for Re-Gathering and what that looks like with today's COVID numbers. According to the Minnesota numbers we are currently in the "orange" which calculates to no indoor meetings. Only outdoor meetings which cannot occur in the winter. Question on whether there was wiggle room with the "orange" and being able to meet indoors. Bethany is checking with our insurance company to see what our liability is if we were to have a breakout and whether we would be responsible. Our Transition committee will need to stay active and keep going with a plan for Re-Gathering if our numbers get lower in the county. Communications with the congregation will need to be a priority. John made a motion that we agree to abide by the guidelines as written particularly the definition of orange as being only small group outdoor meetings with a second from Sandra. One opposition motion carries.

Pastor Luke closed us in prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:17