

Windsor Heights Lutheran Church Council Meeting Summary

May 26, 2020

Your WHLC church council met on May 26th. President John Ambrosion called the meeting to order. Suzanne Nelson offered devotions and prayer. The agenda and minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Duane Danielson provided a Treasurer's report. He expressed much gratitude to the members of our church for continuing to support our operations through regular giving to the church. It was noted that we are very blessed with generous supportive people in our congregation.

Deb Goss convened a meeting of the WHLC Foundation and provided the annual update to the council. The assets of the foundation have grown to about \$500,000. Annual donations from the foundation exceeded \$18,000. Ryan Charlton was elected to the board. The annual summary is available from the church office for anyone interested.

The Pastor's reports were presented to council. The focus was on COVID-19 and our response relative to returning to worship and other church activities. Council is supportive of a cautious approach being mindful of our responsibility to take into account the health of the members of our church. After considerable conversation and discussion, the council agreed that we will wait until there is a 14-day declining trend before resuming any in person activity. In planning for a return to worship we will begin with small group meetings of 10-15 for a shorter service with communion during the week. Dates and times to be scheduled. Sunday services will remain virtual. For those seeking communion, there should be an opportunity for the sacrament in July assuming current trends. Modestly increasing the size of church services and outdoor worship may be explored in August assuming successful implementation of the first step. Virtual worship may be expanded slightly to provide for lectors and special music, while being mindful of maintaining a safe environment in the church. Pastors may meet with individual members for counseling and support as long as both parties are comfortable with it. Staff meetings may occur at church although staff will

continue to work from home for a significant portion of the week as they are. Other activities and events will be restricted for the time being.

Volunteers will be needed as we move to new phases in this process. Worship, Building and Grounds, Fellowship, Care and Nurture committee help will be needed. Council and staff are getting input from the Health Committee on the next steps to take.

Council reviewed items of old business including:

- Crabtree plaque finished and ready to be installed
- Landscaping options are being reviewed with a meeting set up with company to review less costly options
- Mutual Ministry Committee will include three past presidents Popken, Prigge, and Rogness with Paul Rogness serving another year to fill the open position
- CEC proposal for enhanced internet has been accepted and work will begin shortly
- Custodial position to be filled by Jim Spizale beginning June 1.

The Charltons handled Family Promise in May and Jamie will coordinate for a final time of the year in June. They have our thanks. If additional assistance is needed in any form, we will be notified. Please keep them in your prayers and thank them if you get the chance.

The Synod assembly has been moved to August 7th for the election of a new bishop. Joel Waymire and Amanda Shepard will continue as attendees with the pastors.

Pastor Robin led reflections and prayer to close the meeting

Meeting adjourned.

John Ambrosion, President