

WHLC Council Meeting

8/25/2020

Your church council met virtually on August 25th at 6:30 pm. A quorum was present and Ambroson called the meeting to order. Suzanne Nelson shared a reflection and opening prayer.

The agenda for the meeting and minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Danielson provided the Treasurer's report. Stock from an earlier donation was liquidated. \$60,000 was transferred to the Mission Investment Fund and a CD was renewed. Overall, the church offerings have continued to reflect support for our church mission and the church's finances are in good shape at this time.

Pastor Robin shared details of the SE Iowa Synod Assembly. A new bishop was elected, Rev. Amy Current. Robin also shared the news of her new grandson. Mother and son are both doing well.

Pastor Chris reported on the current status of in-person gatherings. More are planned for the fall. We will begin outdoor worship on Saturday nights, weather permitting. Wednesday nights are also scheduled for outdoor activities weather permitting. September will have a theme of Creation incorporated into worship and prayer. The Creation season ends with the blessing of animals on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th. WHLC will also be uplifting some related charities for support.

Landscaping work has begun. Sod will be laid as the weather cools. Mitch Yeager has been providing special assistance in cleaning out some of the weeds.

The Health advisory task force continues to provide counsel and support as we move through the COVID crisis. Their help has been invaluable.

Small group worship will continue on Tuesdays. The Wednesday service will be replaced with fall activities in September. Heartland Youth Choir will be moving forward with some meetings at the church in the fall.

WHLC was asked to support drive-through non-partisan voter registration at the church. Council approved. It will be done on a few weeknights and Saturday mornings in the fall.

Tree removal service was approved to take out a downed tree on the SW part of our property lost in the recent storm.

Council approved offering to the congregation a 21 Day Equity Challenge for anyone interested in signing up. It is being promoted by the United Way of Central Iowa. Daily emails and articles are sent for reading and consideration to promote awareness and understanding.

The next council meeting will be on September 22nd at 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned after Pastor Chris provided a closing reflection and prayer.

John Ambroson, Council President

