**Salem Lutheran Church, Montevideo, Minnesota**

**2021 Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 17, 2021**

Members Present:

\_\_\_David Eekhoff \_X\_Steve Heggestad \_\_\_Stacey Hoidal \_X\_Bridget Johnson \_X\_Jonathan Schiller \_X\_Dave Johnson \_X\_Cory Olson \_\_\_Sam Seeman \_X\_Kurt Hoehne \_X\_Pr. Matt Philaya

Additional People Present: Jackie Lindvall

1. **Call to Order**

David Johnson called to order the regular meeting of the Council of Salem Lutheran Church at 7:15 pm on March 17, 2021.

1. **Devotions**

Devotions to begin our meeting were given by Pastor Matt.

1. **Additions to the Agenda (what and by whom)**

None

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

No Agenda

1. **Secretary’s Report (minutes of previous meeting)**

Questions or corrections: Kyle Goslee is no longer on Church Council and no longer liaison for Youth & Family Committee

Motion to approve made by Bridget Johnson

and seconded by David Johnson

1. **Treasurer’s Report (Finance Committee)**

Presented by Jackie Lindvall

Questions or Discussion:

* Cash dropped considerably in February
* Only counted one time in February
* Paid $5000 towards roof in February
* Roof loan added to Budget. About $6,500.00 down for the year so far.
* No out of the ordinary expenses.
* Tithe.ly transaction fees – No cost to giving, Credit card, ACH, Bank transfer have transaction fees, the church pays $30/month to use Tithe.ly.
* Offering envelopes: Decision to move to a more generic envelope for 2022

Motion to approve made by Kurt Hoehne

And seconded by Jonathan Schiller

1. **Other Reports**

**Stewardship (Narrative)**

No Report

**Property**

Presented by Steve Heggestad

Items to note:

* $5,000 payment in March for roof loan
* no bill yet to adjust thermostats for the furnace
* still looking at pews

**Worship**

Presented by Pastor Matt

Items to note:

* Hybrid versions of Easter Week Services
* Family of kids receiving 1st Communion only at Maundy Thursday service
* not receiving many reservations for Easter Sunday
* Pastor purchased 6 foot distance signs for the floor through the church

**Faith Enrichment (Education)**

Presented by Bridget Johnson

Items to note: Wednesday evening children’s gathering going slow but getting some participation, Kids are enjoying it

**Fellowship**

No Report

**Service**

No Report

1. **Youth and Family**

No Report

1. **Other Reports (if any)**

No Report

1. **Pastor’s Report**

Presented by Pastor Matt

* Was able to get into Copper Glen for visits
* Early Childhood Education used Salem for preschool screening on 3-16-21 and 3-17-21.

1. **Old Business**

Open issues/summary of discussions

* Roof repayment options
* Pew repairs – Some pews have cracks in them. Have talked with Norm VanGorp about options to repair.
* Before repairing pews, need to look at other options
* Other churches are moving to using chairs
* We will discuss over next year
* Bulletins – bring them back or not, no bulletins for now
* Pastor will change sign on Hwy 7 to encourage more people to attend church
* Cushions are going back in the pews

1. **New Business**

New business/summary of discussions

None

1. **Additional Motions (if any)**

None

1. **Important Dates and Reminders**

Easter – April 4, 2021

1. **Teller Assignments (date and names)**

Steve Heggestad & Kurt Hoehne - March 19, 2021

Steve Heggestad & Cory Olson – March 30, 2021

1. **Prayer and Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Cory Olson

and seconded by Steve Heggestad

Minutes submitted by: Kurt Hoehne