

OSLC COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Held via Zoom on Dec. 14, 2020 @ 6:15pm

Joint Meeting with P&F

Attendance:					
X	Pastor Dave	X	Donna Zelazoski	X	Gay Pivonka
X	Chuck Steffel	X	Randy Ronsman	X	Jill Proulx
X	Lonnie Peerenboom	X	Dave Haase	X	Robin Williams
X	Doug Gossen	X	Mike Hinz	X	Donna Biebel
Guest:					

Call to Order: 6:15PM

Opening Prayer (Prayer requests?): Pastor Dave

Open Forum: None

Treasure's Report: Gay (see attached)

November was another good month for unified receipts - \$2,009 better than expected. YTD receipts are better than budget by \$12,957. All YTD sources of income are at \$689,823 through November – the annual budget calls for \$726,580 in total income.

Consent Agenda:

1. P&F - Attached
2. Elders – November Attached
3. Board of Fellowship – Nothing to Report for the Month
4. Board of Evangelism – Attached
5. Elders – December Attached

A motion was made by Gay approved the consent agenda. A seconded by Donna. The consent agenda was approved.

Old Business:

1. **2021 Budget Discussion and vote for approval:** Lonnie P and Gay P
P&F vote – Lonnie

Discussion recorded in the P&F agenda.

Council Vote – Doug

2021 Budget was presented to council via a joint meeting with P&F. Robin W made a motion to accept the 2021 budget as presented. Randy R seconded the motion. The council unanimously approved the budget.

2. **Other items**
None

New Business:

1. Any new items

No new business

Closing Prayer: Pastor Dave

Motion to Adjourn: Jill P at 7:50Pm **Second:** Donna B

Next Meeting: January 11, 6:45pm

Minute Approval:

	Doug Gossen, President	App	Donna Biebel, Board of Ed	App	Gay Pivonka, Treasurer
App	Lonnie Peerenboom, P & F	App	Randy Ronsman, Secretary	App	Jill Proulx, Fellowship
	Chuck Steffel, President Elect		Dave Haase, Stewardship	App	Robin Williams, Elders
	Open, Youth		Mike Hinz, Trustees	App	Donna Zelazoski, Evangelism

Minutes respectfully submitted by Randy Ronsman, Council Secretary

Consent agenda for Council Meeting on December 14, 2020

OSLC Personnel & Finance Meeting – Nov. 9, 2020

Treasurer's Report: Unified receipts for Oct. were \$40,207.77 short for the month by \$669.07 and over YTD by \$10,947.96. Gay will be working this month on documentation to get our PPP loan forgiven by the government.

Reports: Investments – Walter – From January to March our investments were down 20%, since March to Nov. 6, 2020 we are up 3.7% YTD. Next month we may look at moving some of our gains out of the investments into maybe a money market fund.

NEWLSA – Jay - Board meetings the last couple of months centered on calling of teachers, evaluation of Executive Director, enrollment at Trinity 109 and at NEWLHS 136, both schools have a waiting list. Both schools open 5 days a week.

Old Business: The parsonage will be rented to Victoria Mueller, a teacher at Trinity. She should be moving in weekend after Thanksgiving.

Budget: The proposed 2021 budget was reviewed, with much discussion centering on sources of non unified receipts, such as Packer Servers. Lonnie will contact Neil Burmeister to get his feeling on probability of Packer Servers for fall 2021. Gay and Lonnie will put together a couple of alternatives and bring the budgets back at the December meeting. Most of the expense categories were reviewed without any recommended changes.

Church cleaning: Because of Covid-19, continuation of search for full time custodian has been put on hold, we will be continuing with Team Clean, who is coming in 3 days a week.

New Business: Boy Scouts – the national Boy Scout lawsuits were mentioned because we had a Boy Scout troop many years ago. Consensus was that we would not have any exposure.

Consent agenda for Council meeting on 12-14-20:

Elders Meeting Monday, November 2nd, 2020

Membership Changes: None

Pastors Report: Continuing with 5 worship services/week schedule. Protocols seem effective, worshippers respect the rules, & attendance is steady. Oct. 25th 6:00pm outdoor Christmas service in a light snow was spiritually moving & attended by 112. Donna Biebel will leave her role leading the Praise Band to become Chair of the Board of Education. Terri Brosig will lead the Praise Band. Chuck Stoeffel is the President-Elect. Pastor Dave provided highlights of the recent survey results. Pastor Ros has 35 youth attending confirmation classes which are broken into four groups based on school districts.

Worship Committee: None

Altar Guild Report: Met on October 26th. Brian noted they are doing a great job stepping up during the pandemic. Elders are asked to put a note with each basket of used Communion cups to identify the date/time service they were from. We plan to continue with the self-contained cups.

Old Business:

- Recruiting Elders – We are need of several new Elders. Please provide any names of potential Elders to the Pastors or Robin.
- Normalcy –Sunday School and indoor 9:15 services are still pending as the Board of Ed considers options for in-person Sunday School. Increasing COVID cases continues to be a concern.
- Cameras will be installed in the sanctuary this week which will allow us to live stream an in-person 9:15 service from inside the sanctuary when we restart that service. We will continue to live stream at 9:15 in the interim.
- Elder Call List – Calls are going out to members that are “disconnected” from church offering encouragement. Please continue.

New Business:

- Elders schedule – Steve will send out a request for Elders to indicated preference for Christmas Eve/Christmas services so we can schedule. We continue to work shorthanded from both an Elder and usher standpoint.
- We considered adding services to the Christmas 2020 worship schedule to ensure social distancing but decided against doing so at this time. We will:
 - Live stream one or more of the services depending on availability of capable techs to run the equipment.
 - Initiate the sign up for the Christmas Eve & Christmas services early in Dec. so if they fill, we can make adjustments as needed.
 - If one or more of the services fills, we will set up the fellowship hall & live stream the service there simultaneously. An additional Elder or usher will support the Pastors with Communion distribution.
 - We don't want to ask anyone that shows up to leave the service but if we do reach capacity or someone refuses to wear a mask, we need to be prepared to do that.

Board of Evangelism Report to Council December 14, 2020

1. A post card was sent to all members and affiliates for whom we have an address. Information was given regarding weekly worship opportunities, the Christmas services, the Pre-school Christmas program live stream, and how to find weekly devotional materials. We are also encouraging members to upload family pictures of Christmas activities.
2. We had an excellent response to the request for gifts for Borneman's Nursing Home. We were able to fill the request for 20 male gifts and 35 female gifts plus had an additional 6 gifts to be used as the activities director choose.
3. Toys for Teens was also successful and donations are ready for pick up this week.
4. We will be working on a project that will include interviews of members that will appear in the Voice. The goal is to have 2 per month with a wide range of categories, such as long term members, newer members, families with young children, etc etc
5. Christmas cards were sent to active military members or family of members.
6. Christmas cards are being sent to members considered to be shut in or with significantly reduced activity instead of the pointsettias usually distributed at Christmas. We have also asked Sunday School families to send cards or pictures to the individuals they wrote to in April and May.

Elders Meeting Minutes

December 7th, 2020 via Zoom meeting

Present: Walter Juhnke, Brian Duff, Robin Williams, Lonnie Peerenboom, Doug Gossen, Steve Rusch, Pastor David Hatch, Mike Sipple. **Missing:** Andrew Prescher, Paul Cantwell, Royal Bruhn, Dave Wians.

Meeting called to order by Robin Williams at 6:35 pm. **Welcome back Robin!**

Opening Devotion by Pastor Dave.

Open Forum: None

Minutes from the November 2nd, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept by Lonnie, 2nd by Doug. Motion passed.

Membership Changes: None

Pastors Report:

- Christmas Eve service discussion – We will abide by our seating limit of 110. Overflow on any of the services can be directed to the youth room where they can watch the service on YouTube. There are currently 60 people registered for the 4 Christmas Eve services. This should go up dramatically in the days prior to Christmas. Pastors propose adding additional services at 10:30 to 11:30 am and noon to 1 pm if needed on Christmas Eve day. December 17th will be the deadline to include these additional services and work on staffing them.
- The Pastors would like to see us restart the 9:15 service in conjunction with in-house Sunday School classes on January 10th. **Doug made a motion to start 9:15 am services on 1/10/20 (a traditional service with no singing and “canned” music). Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.** Dave will work with Altar Guild and Sunday School to prep for this. Robin will work with Rich Spangenberg for ushering staff. Steve will schedule Elders for this service moving forward from the 10th.

Worship Committee: None

Altar Guild: None

Old Business:

- Elder Recruitment – Some names have been given to Robin and Pastor Dave for consideration. Continue to give thought to who we believe might fit in our group and give their names to Robin or Pastor Dave.
- Elder “Call” List – please continue to contact those members on our lists who we have not had contact with to offer support including email or hard copy communications of church information.

New Business:

- Pending projects (Altar area rebuild, sound system, etc...) will be discussed and decided on by the Council and P&F board.
- Return to Normalcy – See comments in Pastors report.
- Christmas Schedule – See comments in Pastors report. One addition, Doug would like someone to cover the Christmas Eve 7:30 pm service for him if possible.
- New Year’s Eve Service – We need an Elder for the 12:15 pm service. Please contact Michelle / the group if you can cover this.

- Elders Schedule – Steve will get a first cut of next years schedule out in the next 2 weeks. For now, we will be scheduling one Elder per service (including 9:15 am).
- Usher Teams – Desperate need to recruit new ushers. Robin has some leads and will work on them. Work on recruiting individuals and pass on help needs to Robin.

Date of next meeting: Monday, January 4th, 2021 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn made at 7:25 pm by Lonnie, 2nd by Steve. Motion carried.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Dave.

Submitted by: Steve Rusch