

Leadership Council June 15, 2020

Present via ZOOM: Pat Blake, Janet Carter, John Dalen, Chris Jaeger, Valerie Kneller, Willie LaCroix, Deb Melchi, Mary Osen, Pr. Walter Still, John Woodring, Jim Krueger attended in Harley's place. The meeting was called to order at 3:59pm with a quorum present. Excused: Harley Butler

DEVOTIONS led by Chris Jaeger

STORIES OF PEACE – Janet shared that she really enjoyed making Good Neighbor calls and met people she didn't know so looking forward to meeting them in person when we reopen; Pr Walter shared that the Health Care Team had a good meeting today and that they're working hard on this important project; John Dalen shared how blessed we are to be able to broadcast our worship on Youtube, Many churches do not have this technology; Mary shared that the first ever drive in service was really neat and it was really good to see everyone even in our cars.

MINUTES AND REPORTS –May minutes were unanimously accepted as written.

Staff reports were accepted as written.

Pr. Walter -as reported; talked about the Synod COVID appeal; the decision of team to plan to reopen 8/2 if all goes well; there is some interest in starting a study on racism; Pr will be on vacation July 7-23

Marilyn – as reported; on line virtual classes are going well.

Mary – as reported; please note 2020 Staff Hurricane Procedures

-Caring Connection – as seen in Marilyn's report

-Worship Arts – Ric is recording another video this week; no choir until September and reevaluate then.

-Welcoming – Janet will talking to volunteers as we move towards reopening.

-Small Groups- no update yet on Women's Bible study meeting year round; Pr Walter's ZOOM study has gone well.

-Property – working with Grant and Frank to locate survey stakes to mark property on Hibiscus.

-Stewardship – will still be scheduling Temple Talks; committee not meeting in June.

-Treasurer's Report- Thanks to the congregation for their strong support in the last months; Temple Talks have been positive; improved our cash position by about \$100K since the beginning of 2020 due to great support and people giving from their stimulus checks; PPP loan from SBA for \$89,150 and will work within guidelines for payroll, mortgage interest, utilities, etc. Any of the loan not used will be repaid/returned at no penalty;.

-Call Committee – one candidate who had previously withdrawn, now wants to be considered and will be interviewed in July. Request has been sent to synod for 3 additional candidates.

OLD BUSINESS:

Audit – Jim recapped the recommendations from the audit and his response

Council Retreat – scheduled for 9-11am on June 29 via ZOOM.

PPP – as reported in Treasurer's report

NEW BUSINESS:

Reopening –Pr, Mary and Willie reported that all are anxious to reopen, but we need to be sure we are well-prepared; there are lots of logistics to work through and consider; the team will be meeting weekly with the reopen date planned for 8/2; plan to produce a video prior to reopening so people are educated on what to do and prepared that things will be different; major considerations are singing and communion which will not be done to begin with.

Legacy Foundation gift- the Legacy Foundation made a gift of \$2500 each to two churches in Minneapolis affected by the recent riots, for a total amount of \$5,000.

Synod COVID Fund and Harry Chapin Food Bank – the Council voted to send \$1,000 to the synod appeal and \$1,000 to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. (Motioned by John Woodring, 2nd by John Dalen, passed unanimously)
Senior Ministry – they met last week and reworked the job description for the Life Enrichment Coordinator; will be sending a letter to the 3 candidates that had shown interest to see if they are still interested in being interviewed; hope to have someone in place by fall with the center opening 1/1/2021; at July meeting, Mutual Ministry will have a compensation proposal for council; Allen Helvick is working on the budget; Pr John working on grant funding; \$35,000 designated funds on hand.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 5:07pm

Submitted by: Mary Osen Approved by: Pr. Walter Still, Janet Carter

REVIEW CALENDAR of EVENTS

- July devotions: John Woodring July counting assistant: Harley Butler (need to switch?)
- July 13, 1pm Executive committee meeting July 20, at 4pm: Council meeting