

Council Meeting March 29, 2020 Faith Lutheran Church, Meadow Vista, CA

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER by Franca Jones at 11:37am

In attendance: Pastor Lines, Rick Brown, Mark Achen, Tony Freitas, Melia Borruso, Franca Jones, Cassie Call, Jack Harris, Michelle Hamil, Julie Hettig

Absent: Bruce Broadwell

Total members present: 10

Total members absent: 1

Quorum present: Yes

II. DEVOTIONS/MISSION, VISION AND VALUES, Pastor – prayer. M/V/V read by Franca.

III. APPROVAL OF February, 2020 MINUTES

Motion made by Rick to approve February, 2020 minutes. Seconded by Mark.

Pass: Unanimous

IV. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a. Pastor: Report as emailed. Nearly finished checking in with active members during this period of social isolation.

b. Treasurer, Tony: Report as emailed. Impact of social distancing might affect tithing. We have been receiving about \$12,000 through auto payments, and the remainder is sent directly or put in tithing plate during service (apx \$8,000). Will closely watch tithing in April any effect that social distancing might have. Council to send a letter to congregation with reminder of need for tithing and providing link for automatic payments. Council discourages offering the ability to tithe by text which has a cost per transaction. Online giving currently provided through Vanco which does an automatic withdrawal directly from bank account. If a cut back on expenses is needed, ARC (providing custodial services) expense would be one of the first considered especially as their program is currently closed and they are not providing services to us. Will postpone any planned maintenance not of an urgent nature.

Action: Rick to write draft reminder letter to congregation to be sent out next month, with input from Tony and Pastor.

Motion made by Michelle to give Tony discretion, with Pastor's input, to withhold payment on certain items in the event that budget expenses exceeds income. Seconded by Rick.

Discussion: No limit will be imposed

Pass: Unanimous

V. PROGRAM REPORTS

a. Service, Colleen Hogan: None

b. Music, Pastor: Ukulele lessons with children done by Janine via Zoom

c. Adult Education, Pastor: Bible study on Thursday morning and Wednesday evening Lenten service continuing via Zoom

d. Labor of Love, Barbara Cowen: None

e. Men's Group, Tony Freitas: None

f. Worship, Leah Cole: None

- g. Prayer/Healing, Pastor: Team has been reaching out to congregation members and providing resources when needed.
- h. Youth Committee, Pastor: Stacy Hogsett continues to stay in contact with youth and held a Zoom meeting on March 27th.
- i. Hospitality/Witness, Pastor: Cam Bennett is making sure elderly members are getting food supplies.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Re-Wording of M/V/V, Franca: Topic tabled until next month.

- b. Property -- locks and doors, Franca/Pastor: Eric Liske will work on getting quotes for Sanctuary doors at ramp entrance, and will replace dry-rotted siding at the back of the office when social distancing order has been lifted. Rekeying all campus doors is on hold until financial stability is clear.

- c. Storage, Franca: Topic tabled until next month.

- d. Propane, Rick: Up-front costs to purchase 500-gallon propane tank, with gas at \$2.12 per gal, is \$1,500 with Legacy Propane (Newcastle). This arrangement would require someone to monitor tank call for delivery as needed. Reminder that owning tank also requires assumption of any maintenance expense(s) as they arise. Reminder that 2 tanks are needed – one for the Sanctuary/Admin building (large) and one for the Ed building (small).
Action: Rick and Tony will work together to get more information.

- e. Vice President, Franca: Rick agreed to be Vice President in 2020 but there is a concern about his ability to take on the presidency in 2021 as he is rotating off Council at the end of 2020. Conversation encouraging existing Council members who are not disqualified by term limits, but are rotating off Council at the end of the year, to consider taking on a second 3-yr term. Term of presidency is one year.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Voting Member to Synod Assembly -- need one male and one female, Pastor: Synod postponed until fall; hoping it will remain in Fresno. Looking to reschedule for mid-September to mid-October. It is currently unclear if Synod will be held over 2 or 3 days.

- b. Paycheck Protection Loan, Julie/Franca:
Motion made by Julie to apply for the Paycheck Protection Program. Seconded by Franca.
Discussion by email
Pass

VIII. CONGREGATIONAL REPORTER

Action: Michelle to draft email with bulleted items to send out to congregation. Julie will call Bruce to update with meeting discussion and decisions.

Motion made by Rick to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Mark.
Pass: Unanimous
Meeting adjourned at 12:50pm