

Council Meeting May 17, 2020
Faith Lutheran Church, Meadow Vista, CA

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER by Franca Jones at 11:33am

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

Absent: Bruce Broadwell

Guest: Lisa Achen

Total members present: 10

Total members absent: 1

Quorum present: Yes

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

III. APPROVAL OF April, 2020 MINUTES

Motion made by Tony to approve April 2020 minutes as edited. Seconded by Jack.

Pass: Unanimous

IV. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a. Pastor: Report as emailed. Would like to continue some type of broadcast on Sundays that people can join from where ever.

b. Treasurer, Tony: Report as emailed. All good news. We are ahead \$4,847 for the month. Income has been steady despite not having physical church service. Paycheck Protection Program was awarded. We were loaned \$22,400 and opened a separate account to hold this money. The loan will have to be repaid unless we use at least 75% on payroll. The reminder, if any, maybe used for utilities; otherwise, interest is 1% and will have to be paid back within 2 years. Our bookkeeper has experience with managing this for other clients and feels we will not have any trouble using the money for payroll and utilities. The Bank Balance Report will not reflect this loan until May. Kudos to Tony and Carol for all their efforts in securing this loan.

V. PROGRAM REPORTS

a. Service, Colleen Hogan: None

b. Music, Janine Dexter: None

c. Adult Education, Scott Stonestreet: None

d. Labor of Love, Barbara Cowen: None

e. Men's Group, Tony Freitas: None

f. Worship, Leah Cole: None

g. Prayer/Healing, Pastor: None

h. Youth Committee, Pastor: None

i. Hospitality/Witness, Pastor: None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. Propane, Rick: Carol worked with Rick and compared Legacy Oil prices with Campora which gave us a better deal because we are a church so we are staying with Campora. The Church owns the tank behind Ed Bldg.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Men's Group Yard Sale Update, Tony: Annual Memorial Day weekend yard sale is postponed and tentatively rescheduled for Labor Day weekend.

i. Clarification given for when/if FLC repair expenses are paid by Men's Group: Men's Group will pay for repair/maintenance costs based upon a request from Council or Pastor and upon approval by the Men's Group at that month's meeting.

b. Reopening, Pastor/Cassie: According to most recent post(s) from the Public Health Office, churches are listed in Phase 3 of State's reopening plan. Placer County is somewhat ahead of other counties in the State for re-opening but have to meet certain criteria as efforts continue to move forward. The County continues to monitor the situation and reassesses position in 2-week intervals.

Action: Task Force formed with Pastor, Cassie, Jack, Melia, and Julie to formulize a re-opening plan for FLC.

c. Reopening Plan and Effect on Budget, Pastor: Our expenses have been watched very closely and we are currently under budgeted amounts. We are planning to purchase a higher level of Zoom meeting capabilities so that multi-meetings can be held at one time; this cost is \$150 a year. Would like to explore the cost of purchasing camera, equipment and software that will enable Sunday services to be live streamed. This is in consideration for those who would rather take part in services from home or where ever they are, as reopening occurs. Not sure how many people would use live streaming but benefits noted by Council:

- could be used as outreach tool;
- would benefit for people who are away but still want to attend service at FLC;
- would make services more accessible and is a good modernization resource;
- can be used for other things like concerts, classes and meetings;

Concerns to consider:

- would only live stream with video focus on altar area and/or musicians;
- cost is annual;
- would conclude live stream at Passing of Peace with fade to Pastor inviting those watching to join in person;
- privacy-parents would have to be okay with acolytes being live streamed as they lit candle (potentially), no names used during streaming;
- team to run camera;

Actions: Council advises Pastor to proceed to get estimate of costs. Lisa suggests formalizing a live streaming policy. Pastor to look into Synod's technology grant availabilities and restrictions.

VIII. CONGREGATIONAL REPORTER

Action: Cassie to do March and April.

Motion made by Rick to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Michelle.

Pass: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 12:33pm