



Minutes from Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Council Monday March 23, 2020

Members Present: Don Livingston, Rick Burnett, Mike Oliver Robbie Martin Pastor Wiese, Pastor Miriam, Molly Breckling, Lisa Manthey, Sue Byers, Eric Jakubowski, Bernice Huie

Members not present: Kevin Hawkins

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Council President Don Livingston.
This meeting was conducted via teleconference call

Devotional was given by Sue Byers

Pastor Reports:

Pastor Fritz: **FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS**

- Pastor shared letter that would be sent to congregation outlining happenings at COS during Covid-19.
- Phone call outreach challenge discussed
- On track to payoff mortgage in June
- COS Netflix, Zoom
- 1:01-each day--STOP take a breath and pray (COS address is 101 Peachtree Parkway) together.
- Sling— Live TV streaming; Bill Porter used in previous church
- Goal setting sheets sent to staff for 2020
- **Building access is constantly changing: Access limited to staff and key leaders; No code access for congregation; Linda Volkman is working from home

Pastor Miriam:

- Misses Wednesday Night Alive
- Ellen Pfundt to provide Sunday School kids with "Holy Week in a Box": Weekly calls to kids in all our kid's programs.
- Melissa Jacobson also calling all families; Wednesday nights via Zoom
- Continuing with "the People vs Judas" drama series

Financial information was then presented by Rick Barnett as Kevin was absent.

- responsible budgeting- we are negative at this point
- need to decrease/limit discretionary spending
- concerns about lack of communication to Congregation on church finances
 - financial info is posted on council bulletin board
- Don sending letter to Congregation encouraging continued giving

Other topics/questions discussed:

- Drive-in experience at Palmetto
- Remote communion?????

Evangelism/Stewardship

- Call Challenge
- Shirley Brown will develop google doc for calling/comments, etc

Worship Effectiveness/Improving lighting

- Committee-Buddy Troy, Dave Byers, Bill Porter, Sandra Bohlken, Sue Kunig, Miriam, Rick Burnett
- 3 bids
- Council needs to approve

Administrative

Motion to approve the Minutes for the February 24 council meeting was made. Seconded by ??????. Motion approved by verbal vote.

TSV Updates:

In the meeting with the neighbors, it was felt that neighbors would not vote for annexation, concerned about increased traffic and scope of project. They expressed concern about water/sewer. Plans to keep talking

Preschool:

Classes Suspended

ideas/suggestions were shared between the council members.

Social Services – Rick Burnett

Communication – Don Livingston

Expand small groups and Ministries – Bernice Huie: Currently meetings suspended

Maintain church property – Lisa Manthey

Maximize effectiveness of Church Leadership – Molly Breckling

Worship experience and evangelism – Contemporary service – Robbie Martin, Traditional – Mike Oliver

Stewardship – Eric Jakubowski

Don closed the meeting at 9:00 with the Lord's Prayer.