

## COS Council Meeting June 2021

Members Present: Eric Jakubowski, Rick Burnett, Scott Bosecker, Pastor Fritz, Pastor Miriam, Brad Harris, Sue Byers, Carol Jensen-Linton, Mark Bunker, Mike Oliver

Members not Present: Robbi Martin, Lisa Manthey

Devotional (Brad Harris): In 2019, I was told that I would need another heart procedure in order to return to active flying to repair blockage that was not done on the original bypass surgery. The surgery carried numerous risks but was necessary unless I wanted to give up flying for good. Following a lot of prayer and discussions with my wife, Erica, doctors and family I decided to do it. The week prior to surgery Erica suggested I volunteer for VBS at COS. I normally don't like dealing with large groups of kids that aren't my own but reluctantly I agreed. I was so glad I did. COS has a wonderful program and the various adult and youth leaders do a great job creating a fun, vibrant and loving environment. I was tasked with helping out fourth and fifth graders. One of the kids in my group was in town staying with his grandmother. He came from a broken home and had numerous emotional outbursts the first few days. It took everything I had including prayer to overcome this but by the end of the week I saw a real change in his behavior. He was having fun, connecting with other kids and for a moment wasn't thinking about his home life. I got so much out of volunteering that I took on teaching Sunday School for fourth and fifth graders prior to Covid shutting everything down. Our kids approach faith with a sense of innocence and wonder. In the course of teaching Sunday School they taught me things about my faith during our discussions. Our faith only endures as long as we pass it on and I believe the kids are the key to the future at Christ Our Shepherd.

Pastor Fritz: Briefly provided a recap of the previous Sunday's sermon and how it tied in to tonight's devotional. Three teens spoke of the power of the Holy Spirit and how it gives strength in their lives.

Pastor update. Two Sparrows Village provided an update. They were thrilled that COS provided all of the AV monitor needs for their building. Their hope is that they will have remodeled a building that will house four adult residents with special needs.

Reiterated that if you're out of town, sick, working, etc. continue to do online service. However, if not, please come back and attend in person services. This past Sunday we had 160 people in attendance at Church. As members of COS, we have certain duties and one of them is to share in the joy of worship with each other.

As Pastors, in addition to having duties to COS, they also have duties to the church at large. One of them is ministering youth camp. He thanked COS for its support in the pastors being able to minister to the church at large through summer camps.

No personnel updates to provide. In a world of building bridges, Pastor Fritz said he was very happy we are helping build bridges with St. Mark's.

Bonus – Facility was painted. South exterior still needs to be completed. The rotting wood on the cross was repaired. The exterior looks great!

Pastor Fritz briefly covered the role COS plays in the community at large by providing our building to various groups throughout the week. He feels that we charge well below what other churches charge but that we provide a service to these groups. He'd like us to review our rental fees and make sure we are comfortable with what we charge.

Met with Kevin Hawkins about Stewardship Campaign. The Bishop asked COS about our themes and what we do for Stewardship. Testing out QR code to use to help people donate to our church.

Pastor Miriam – Spoke of how great camp was last week. The children had a great time! Presented a slide show of pictures of camp, weddings and other events at COS.

Talked about the need for more volunteers to help with church services. In particular, we need ushers and musicians to help with services.

Mark Bunker – Finance

Reference the June Finance report for financial specifics.

Motion to approve May Council Meeting Minutes with changes. Motion approved.

Memo from USDA – at some point we had received a farming serial number. The memo states if you do not have a farming operation and are not interested in farming in the future the USDA is asking whether we still want to retain the farming serial number. We are going to research further whether we want to retain the number. Scott Bosecker took this to-do.

Rick reviewed the topic of getting people back to in-person worship. Robbi is focusing on ideas to get people back to church. Rick asked people to share thoughts and ideas and to be leaders in helping get people back.

Eric – Technology

Eric showed a live video of the campground his family is at this week. He briefly described a day in the life at camp.

On the tech side, they have met with all staff members and help them move their files to either Onedrive or Sharedrive depending on whether the files are shared or not. They are troubleshooting as to why the services drop off when we go live. They think it could be

parishoners coming to worship and their phones tap into our existing wifi. They have separated the wifi service and right now we are doing better.

Reviewed how tonight's in person conference went with the Zoom call. The microphone quality was spotty on occasions so we may need to troubleshoot on how to improve the experience. Possible we may need additional microphones so that they're closer to people speaking.

Pastor Miriam closed the meeting with a prayer and the council recited the Lord's Prayer.