

Resurrection Lutheran Church Council Meeting via Zoom, February 16, 2021

Council members in attendance: Stephanie Thompson (2022) President; Ron Thames (2023) Vice President; Fabian Cordova (2023) Treasurer; Melanie Franz (2022) Secretary; Tim Bauer (2022); Lorene Faulkner (2021); Bill Smith (2023); Mary Joviak (2021); J.T. Wagoner (2021); Mark Andricopoulos; Reagan Blanchard; and Pastor Greg Wenhold. Not in attendance: Pastor Tim Nybrotten and Pastor Wayne Viereck

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Stephanie

Opening Prayer

Pastor Greg

Praise & Reflection

- Continued prayers for Tim Bauer's friend, Curtis, who is slowly recovering from COVID.
- Prayers for J.T.'s mother, Barbara, and her healthcare changes.
- Bill asks that we keep the people of Texas in our prayers.

President's report

- Going into Lent, we're focused on "it's Thy will, not mine" as we are planting the seeds for what is to come. We give praise for our growing membership.

Pastor's reports

- Pastor Tim, via email. Reports that the calling tree has 550 names of 635 given out. About 450 of those members have already been called. Responses have been very positive. Many thanks to Jane Stash for coordinating this effort. Pastors Greg and Tim continue to focus on providing pastoral care to members and friends as connections continue through email and phone calls. Pastor Tim has tentatively scheduled two memorial services for late April, and he looks forward to the day when pastoral care can be carried out in person. Lenten services are scheduled for mid-week in the memorial plaza beginning with Ash Wednesday through March 24th. The theme for this year is "Encounters with Christ."
- Pastor Greg: Will discuss more about Call Committee and Stewardship Committee later in our meeting tonight. Adding another worship opportunity on Sunday morning outdoors is currently being discussed with possibility of starting in early March. The current 8:15 a.m. service remains (maybe moves slightly earlier) with an added follow-up service immediately after. We would continue to hold the 10:45 a.m. service in the parking lot. We're almost at capacity for the early service in the Memorial Plaza. Will discuss with Pastor Tim upon his return next week.
- Discussion followed about plans for Ash Wednesday services (tomorrow) and our preparations for overflow.

Treasurer's report

- We had a good January as our giving average was fairly strong. We totaled \$143K in giving to the current fund. For comparison, 2020 had \$110K in the month of January and \$129K in 2019. To note: \$36K of the \$143K was received in Dec as a prepayment on giving. Overall, this was a good start to the

year, and we are showing some good promise. Both the church and CDC had positive income. Chris Justesen updated that things are working out well at the CDC and they are expecting some growth in attendance beginning in March. No real concerns there. Additional good news: we received notice on Saturday of approval for PPP funding for \$286,360. This will be used for salaries and employee related expenses. Our cash available at end of January: \$308K in the operating account and \$121K in the building account (which equates to about 6.5 months of mortgage payments).

Staff Reports

- Youth and Family, Pastors, Music and Worship and Council Minutes (as received by email).
- An update on the Communications Task Force from Mary, Lorene and Melanie was provided. The connectivity of software for email communications is in progress and scheduled to be finished within the next two weeks. Additionally, topics to be communicated via the newsletter and email were discussed.

Mary moves to approve all reports and Council minutes as received. **Bill** seconds. No further discussions. **All were in favor.**

Old Business

Standing Resolutions Review

- Date proposed to meet for review is Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Bill moves to accept the proposed date. **Ron** seconds. All were in favor.

- Discussion follow regarding what we are looking for when reviewing these resolutions.

Strategic Planning & Stewardship Committee

- Pastor Greg discussed plans for stewardship. When churches have a designated committee or team, it is offloaded to just those people. Instead the idea of a "Generosity Journey" was proposed where members would be replying and engaging in this journey together. Step by step, people go deeper into their understanding of God and about giving out of joy. The journey is not just about money, but about how God moves through us and what resources we have to share.
- Discussion follows about integrating this and includes potentially at the Ministry Fair and Fall Festival along with how in the past we would share stories of generosity.
- Really dig into what generosity is and how it transforms - how is it integrated into everyday life and how we can think outside of campaigns to approach it as more of a sustained effort?
- The task force/committee overseeing the Generosity Journey would be made up of church members and one council member.

Bill motions to put out a message in *The Vision* to gather people for a generosity committee. **Fabian** seconds. All were in favor, motion carries

New Business

Mary moves to approve Gavin Korsan and Tyler Blohm to do the audit per Katie Maxwell's recommendation. **Fabian** seconds. All were in favor, motion carries.

Melanie moves to approve Lorraine Smith and Chuck Roehrick to be on the audit committee per Katie Maxwell's recommendation. **Fabian** seconds. All were in favor, motion carries.

Call Committee

- Pastor Greg discusses procedures and responsibilities. It is council's responsibility to put the committee together, Pastor Greg is here to help organize. He introduced a process that has been worked from churches prior where an open invitation went out to all who are interested in learning more or possibly serving on the committee are invited to an informational meeting. This is done to expand the scope of buy-in. We would proceed with setting up a Zoom meeting where a link is shared with those who express interest. On that call, a roadmap of where we're heading would be shared. We would explain what the team is, how it's formed and what it's emanating from. We can ask those who are interested in continuing after the informational Zoom is complete to send an email to the church office. A form would then be sent back to them to fill out. The council would have this form for review. Six members (per our constitution) would be chosen from this group to form the committee. Pastor Greg recommends we publicize a Zoom for March 10.
- Discussion follows regarding anyone who was previously contacted or discussed interest in being on the Call Committee. Does the timeframe we're looking at take into account not being able to have in-person meetings? Starting this process in March should allow for the Call Committee to become established and gather momentum. This process will allow the congregation to know we are doing the best we can to move forward.
- Pastor Greg asks Council to begin thinking about what questions may come out of the meeting from the congregation.

Bill moves to approve a Zoom call for all interested members on March 10th and to announce via our various communication channels. **Mary** seconds. All were in favor, motion carries.

Review of COVID Indoor Closures

- In looking at the current case numbers, where do we stand? Numbers in Pima county are trending down (spike was in early January) and are leveling off.

Fabian moves to keep Oro Valley campus closed to in-person worship until we can discuss at our next meeting. **Ron** seconds. All were in favor; motion carries.

Mary moved to change our next Council meeting to March 23rd at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom so that all can attend. Lorene seconds. All were in favor; motion carries.

Moment of prayer, Pastor Greg

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. **Fabian** moved to close the meeting. **Tim** seconds. All were in favor.

Next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March. 23 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.