

Wesley United Methodist Church

Council Meeting

December 1, 2020

Chairman Hal Minear called the meeting to order via Zoom. Those present at the meeting were Pastor Craig Luttrell, Hal Minear, Beverly McGowan, JoAnn Gerbig, Doug Janssen, Don Kamps, Donna Sutcliffe, Mark Harrington, Rich Lloyd, Kathie Huling and Diane Walrod.

Pastor Craig opened the meeting in prayer.

A motion was made to approve the November 11, 2020, minutes by Mark Harrington and seconded by Donna Sutcliffe, and approved by council.

Hal Minear reminded the council of the completion of the Healthy Church Initiative and plans to respond and begin to explore our "Wildly Important Goals." The "Simple Church" book study is currently on hold for now due to the COVID issues.

Priority Business: Hal commented to the group that per the Bishop we will be moving person-to-person services to January 10, 2021, at this time. There will be only livestreaming of services until January 10. Boy Scouts are still having meetings but there are no current problems with them meeting at the church.

New Business: Rich Lloyd suggested a person to take the open council secretary position. Bev McGowan suggested a few names also for the financial position. She further stated that Rose Gilchrist is willing to do the at-large position. Kathie Huling made a motion to approve Rose Gilchrist and Judy Alman as the new council members for 2021, seconded by Diane Walrod, and approved by the council.

Doug Janssen reported that the air conditioning update is completed.

Pastor Craig reported he will begin Wednesday night Advent services tomorrow night and Christmas Eve Services will not be held in-person this year because of the COVID issue.

As far as the Christmas Surprise that Wesley has done in the past (which is an outreach for individuals who have to work on Christmas), Julie Fox is willing to buy gift cards and Diane Walrod will volunteer to hand out the cards with Julie.

Kathie Huling reported that we got responses back concerning the Salvation Army this Christmas. Their budget is based upon the Red Kettle intake and so their needs are going to be even bigger this year.

Financial: Mark reported the general fund is still good even though he took out \$15,000 out for the air-conditioning update. Mark asked about energy changes which would change the Alliant Energy bill. Doug Janssen and Donna Sutcliffe had shut a refrigerator and freezer off and Doug stated that the temperature has been turned down to 55 degrees.

Trustees: Doug Janssen reported that the insurance adjuster had come and taken a look at the roof and he is waiting for the adjuster to call back and that's been a week ago by now. Doug will wait on the roof issue. There are presently no leaks.

Staff-Parish: No report.

Outreach: Kathie Huling reported Pastor Craig took a box of hats and mittens to Lincoln and Roosevelt Schools. Any further donations of outdoor wear will be donated to the homeless shelters.

For January, 2021, they will be collecting toilet paper and cleaning supplies for other agencies that are helping people in need.

For February, 2021, they will be collecting personal care items.

In October, 2020, they took 100 hygiene kits to Ingathering.

UMW: Kathie Huling reported that in October they delivered candy bags and in November they made turkeys with candy inside and delivered them to 60 people. She further stated that UMW has adopted one family from the Salvation Army and are buying presents for them and if they have extra monies, they will adopt another family.

Christian Education: Diane Walrod reported that they had delivered Advent/Christmas bag to 8 families and 19 children.

Memorials: No report.

Men's Club: Mark reported that they will meet once a quarte this next year.

Other: Pastor Craig reported that Ken Zimmerman is hosting via Zoom a "Blue Christmas" outreach. There is an article in the newsletter and all are welcome who wish to attend.

The next council meeting will be January 5, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Pastor Craig requested the council send Christmas Eve offering ideas to him.

Don Kamps made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Donna Sutcliffe, and approved by Council.

Pastor Craig closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Gerbig