

St. John/San Juan Lutheran Church Council Meeting – February 19, 2020

Present:	Pastor Ellen Williams	Bella Rowland
	David Allen	Jennifer Rowland
	Cheryl Nuwash	Ragnar Rowland
	Anne Phares	Kristi Schultz

Cheryl Nuwash called the meeting to order.

Pastor Ellen Williams and the Council read the passage from Revelations, Chapter 22, Verses 1-5 and reflected on the passage with conversation.

Pastor Ellen had just come back from a 2-day Leadership Training session and shared a 4-step program on handling commitments with us. It opened our eyes giving us a better perspective of how to tackle and work through our commitments.

A motion was made by Anne Phares to accept the minutes from the January 21, 2020 meeting with the correction to delete the line “All partitions are down.” from the Building Report and seconded by Jennifer Rowland. Motion Passed.

Jennifer Rowland reported she reached out for a rep. from ARCH to come out and visit in March. She was waiting to hear back from them. Pastor Ellen wants to be a part of the coordination and scheduling with Jennifer.

Treasurer’s Report – Anne Phares

Attached to these minutes

- 1) We are using QuickBooks and our 2020 Budget which consisted of a new updated version.
- 2) Income not what it should be, JAN - \$8,500 FEB - \$7,600, which means we are not making our \$10,000 budgeted figure. Need to look at how we can increase our monthly income.
- 3) We paid the Radam property taxes and are working on changing it to a non-profit status.

Building Report – David Allen

- 1) Need signs for the bathroom doors. There was discussion on what to use, such as All Gender, which anyone can use. Pastor wants us to look at various signs and bring back options to help us decide.
- 2) Our roof is in bad condition. Beams are rusted and causing leaks. Pastor called Jake about this and he updated her. He had a roofer come in and they saw the flashing had blown off. Jake will take care of replacing a new one and we will watch to make sure this contains the leaks. To replace a whole new roof would run approximately \$100,000.
- 3) RESTORE/Radam lease is up March 31, 2020. David indicated that Pastor Zack wants to sign a new lease but wants to have a longer lease agreement. David suggested we raise the rent to \$1,250. We will discuss this info in New Business.

Child Care Board Report – Anne Phares

- 1) No Changes.
- 2) Jennifer Rowland to hold the last Child Care Board Meeting.

Constitution Committee – Anne Phares

No Report.

Stewardship Report – Kristi Schultz

- 1) Jazz It Up Concert was a big hit! A great turnout, along with donations of about \$800.00 was collected. Pastor indicated that we would use those monies to help fund more musicians, along with helping to fund our next project.

- 2) Our Jazz Service to celebrate Fat Sunday & Mardi Gras is scheduled February 23rd and Kristi worked with Nichole in putting together a Taste of New Orleans Lunch to follow the service. Shawn Ellison has scheduled a handful of musicians to come in and play for us. We are preparing for 60 people.

Social Media/Outreach – Ragnar Rowland

- 1) Ragnar found a swivel for \$1,500.
- 2) Pastor Ellen bought a connector to stream live and we will start streaming live on February 23, 2020. The whole service will be on the website.
- 3) Rita, the Secretary, has been improving our website. She is providing weekly updates to the congregation, listing the readings for the services and setting up links to help advertise the services.

Trustees' Report – Ragnar Rowland

- 1) Our Bermis Group will be starting their services on Saturday, February 22 and we have a signed contract for them.
- 2) Todos Juntos contract is also ready for signature.

Youth – Bella Rowland

No Report.

Todos Juntos – Pastor Ellen Williams/Cheryl Nuwash

- 1) Cheryl & Pastor Ellen attended their Fund Raiser Gala on February 6th where they raised \$64,000.
- 2) Cheryl shared with us a proposal for make-ready ideas for the church. It was a long list of items that they will do and help pay for except for the main building ones, for example updating the windows.
- 3) Cheryl, our newly appointed liaison, to continue to meet with Todos Juntos to make sure these things are taken care of and to prepare for their move in.

Pastor's Report

Worship/Education

- 1) We continue to have approximately 55 people worship each Sunday in both services, 6 participants in the Sunday Adult Study and 8 at Wednesday Prayer Service.
- 2) Ash Wednesday Services at 12 pm and 5 pm with imposition of ashes.
- 3) Lenten Services will be at 12 pm in the sanctuary followed by a simple soup lunch
- 4) Adult Class during Lent will be *Luther's Small Catechism* (copies purchased for students)
- 5) Easter Services (April 12) will be at 8:00 am (outside), 9:30 am & 11:00 am
 - o Will there be Easter Brunch or Children's activities?
 - o Easter Flowers?

Pastoral Care

- 1) Visited all those who desired communion/visited who are on the list.
- 2) Assisted at 1 funeral.
- 3) Visited 3 individuals in hospital.

Community/Outreach

- 1) Bread for All Mobile Food Pantry/Evening Food Pantry.
- 2) Facilitated at Immanuel Pflugerville Council Retreat.
- 3) Worked with Rita to improve website content.
- 4) Purchased equipment for live streaming Sunday worship.
- 5) Attended Todos Juntos Fund Raiser Gala.
- 6) Spoke with Stephanie Allen about coordinating expanded social media presence.
- 7) Prepared 3 iPads for easier use during worship services.

Professional Development

- 1) Pastoral Leadership in Public Life (Austin Seminary) met and discussed Water issues and visited the Meadows Center, San Marcos.
- 2) Next PLPL will be April 14-17 in Washington D.C.
- 3) Began intermediate Spanish class which meets every Monday 10 am-12 pm.

Planning Notes

- 1) Pastor Out March 15, April 21, May 17, June 7 (Synod Assembly), July 5
- 2) Synod Assembly June 5-7 – San Marcos, TX
- 3) ? Congregational Meeting in May
- 4) ? Homelessness Education/Activity
- 5) ? Summer Youth/Kids Camp or Activities
- 6) ? John Dellis – Endowment/Stewardship Education
- 7) *March 1st, 2 pm Synod Conference Meeting – Shepherd of the Hills LC

NO Old Business

New Business

- 1) Pastor Ellen suggested that we collect all the Master keys to the church and change them from Master to Door keys and to create lists for both. Council thought this was a good idea. Pastor Ellen made a motion to rekey the exterior doors and Cheryl Nuwash seconded it. Motion Passed.
- 2) The Council discussed our Easter Schedule and what we want to do for it. We want to continue to have the 3 services, 8:00 a.m. Sunrise, the 9:30 a.m. English and the 11:00 a.m. Spanish service. We will have a nice Hospitality Buffet in the Narthex between all services. We will provide Easter Eggs for all children. We will buy Easter Flowers to decorate with, but no presales and those who want to take the flowers home are on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- 3) After much discussion about the RESTORE Lease Agreement, David Allen motioned to present a 3-year agreement for \$1,500 a month. We will add a 90-day Notice of Vacancy in case of selling it. It was seconded by Anne Phares. Motion Passed.
- 4) Revised 2020 Budget – Anne Phares
 - a. She consolidated line items to clean up the budget.
 - b. Added a Tech Support person to be hired to handle the projector.
 - c. Rita Frejil, our Secretary, to change from 20 hrs. to 25 hrs. per week to do data entry for financials.
 - d. Council Members have been designated for the approval process of paying the expenses and to determine the line and account number it should be charged to.

Anne Phares motioned to accept the above 4 items to revise the 2020 Budget and it was seconded by Kristi Schultz. Motion Passed.

- 5) Congregational Meeting was set for Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 11:15 a.m. between the two services. We will need to find a President Elect and Secretary for our 2020 Officers for the Council.
- 6) The Council decided to bring in the ARCH Rep. to help us learn more about the homeless and their needs. It will be one service on Sunday, June 14, 2020 with a meal following.
- 7) The Council decided to check in to offering Summer Camp for June or July, since it was well received last year. It will be a 1-week session for approximately 30 kids. Abiding Love Lutheran Church will pay for the instructors/program. Pastor Ellen will check on this.
- 8) Pastor Ellen informed us that the Synod Assembly will be meeting in San Marcos on June 5-7, 2020 and asked who might want to attend from the Council. David Allen said he was interested but needs to check with his wife.
- 9) Pastor Ellen asked if she should follow up with the Legacy contact to bring him in to visit with the Congregation about Estate Planning and Wills. The Council postponed this item until the March meeting.

Ragnar Rowland motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Jennifer Rowland. Motion Passed. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi L. Schultz
Secretary