

St. Mark Council Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Attending:

Pastor: Mollie Dvorak
President: Karen Gregory
Vice President: Kent Barnard
Secretary: Nancy Richter

Member At Large: Brenda Weaver
Member at Large: David Kelling
Treasurer: Susan Koosmann
Guests: Jenny Aleckson



Purpose: To grow St. Mark by helping teams, congregation, and staff focus on our Mission and Vision.

Worship: A time to shift from the day's hectic schedule and become Christ-centered with peace and renewal. Devotions by Pastor Mollie.

Who is living out our Mission and Vision at St. Mark:

- All those who filled in for Sandy by cleaning the church
- Sundae Sunday and VBS participants
- Volunteers who are driving Ruth S. to church
- Council members

Prayer and Praise:

- Robin Sonnenberg – stage 3 cancer
- Verna Wood – Cancer and pacemaker
- Students and teachers heading back to school
- Our world – all the fear and confusion we are experiencing from COVID, Afghanistan, fires...

Guest Visitors:

Communication:

Pastor's Report:

VBS was stressful because of all the last minute decisions, but was a good experience otherwise. There is some stress about fall programming and how COVID will affect it. People want things to go "back to normal," but pastor knows they can't.

Pastor is still feeling some COVID symptoms and is not quite herself. She is going on vacation next week and is looking forward to the break.

Pastor and Jenny found a Sunday School curriculum (SPARK) that uses stations and keeps kids of all ages together. Stations include stories, crafts, experiments, cooking, music, etc. Volunteers will be asked to make short term, even one-time, commitments. Sign up sheets will be out soon.

Fall Festival flyers are being put up in the community. More flyers will be available on Sunday for anyone to pick up and post.

Team Reports:

Food and Festival - About 50 people served at Sundae Sunday. Next event is preparing the meal for Fall Festival. Also coming up, confirmation dinner for families, Live Nativity refreshments, possible Advent Wednesday meals.

Faith Development - "Have You Thought About It" series for adults, 1st Sunday of month. Speakers will be brought in.

Staff Support – No bites on the piano player ads. Pastor has advertised extensively.

Endowment - The outdoor digital sign has been ordered and should arrive in Nov. or Dec. David K. is working with the giftee (Don) to transfer the gift of stock and sell it.

Worship Team – needs more members as we continue to gear up for post-COVID worship.

Items for Discussion:

Sandy G. has been coming in to check on things and hopes to be cleared for work by the end of August.

No COVID updates this month. We continue to require masks and congregational singing has been put on hold.

Fall Festival on Setp. 12th will be held from 11:00 to 2:00. Flyers are being distributed and Kent volunteered to write up an article for the Quad Press. We will use tickets for games and food. Agreed we should look into renting tents. Who is doing this?

Assignments:

- Food and Festival team, Susan Koosman – pork meal and hot dogs
- Social Ministry – cake walk
- Children’s games – Karen and Richard Gregory
- Adult games/tournaments – Kirsten Ellingson?
- Beer and Wine Pull – Dave Dvorak
- Bubble Station – Ellie and Peter Mundale
- Root beer floats (and sundaes?) – Ten Haken family
- Music – hopefully Daryl and Greg?
- Fire Truck
- Ticket sellers – Jon T., Sandy G.?
- Tents – Jim P.? Kent
- Popcorn – Jim and Virginia P.?
- Cotton Candy – Virginia P.?

{All ??? mean they still need to be asked. 😊 }

NOTE TO NANCY: Also buy root beer and to-go containers (in case of bad weather)

Sound System Tech team needs to be formed and trained. Those who have shown interest are Don Pouchnik, Don Lundholm, Floyd Saunders, Jenny Aleckson.

Plumber’s bill – Kent will take care of contacting City of CP to resolve this issue.

*UPDATE as of 8/18/21 Kent met with CP Administrator Patrick Antonen about the missing curb stop location and the plumbing bill we incurred when the city could not locate the curb stop, forcing us to hire a plumber to freeze the line in order to replace a valve in our basement. Mr. Antonen said he would bring the issue to the engineering staff and would discuss reimbursement with the Utilities Commission. No promises.

Columbarium Task Force – This team visited several local columbariums to get an idea of the type we want to install.

Backlog Items:

Action Items - who has agreed to do what/when?

Closing:

Adjourned 8:15 PM

Next Council Meeting: Sept. 21st at 6:00 PM

Submitted by N.Richter