

St. Mark Council Meeting

Minutes

Sept. 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Attending:

Pastor: Mollie Dvorak

President: Karen Gregory

Vice President: absent (Kent B.)

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:

- Fall Festival volunteers
- Worship volunteers
- Sunday School volunteers

Prayer and Praise:

- Robin Sonnenburg - cancer
- Konrad Huesby – COVID
- David Kelling's sister – cancer
- Karen Gregory's daughter – cancer
- Susan Hanson – cataract surgery
- Praise that Daryl Grandstrand's surgery went well

Guest Visitors:

Pastor's Report:

1st communion class will be held Oct. 13th with recognition of the communicants on Oct. 17th. We will recognize new members Oct. 10th. (Possibly have a cake) Mollie was accepted into the Second Act Cohort, put on by the synod. This will involve coaching, resources, and peer engagement. It starts in January with a retreat in Stillwater.

Sunday School needs more helpers! Mollie and Jenny were asked by Faith + Lead Magazine to write an article about our experience with "It's the Little Things." Contemplative Practice group met for the first time to learn about *Lectio Divino*. There is room for 2 more participants in this group. Mollie will be on vacation in February.

Team Reports:

Youth: Confirmation parent meeting last week. Confirmation starts tomorrow; 5 kids. High School youth group also starts tomorrow. Jenny will talk to the kids about painting the youth room (basement).

Faith Development: Adult Ed will be the first week of every month. Pastor is open to ideas for speakers and topics.

Staff Support: Scheduled an interview with a pianist for this coming Sunday!

Social Ministry: Taste of Tanzania mini-version on Oct. 17th. Also quilt raffle.

Food and Festival: Fall Festival recap

Endowment: David needs some lead time to cash in stock when payment for the new sign is due.

Worship: No team meetings right now.

Property: Floyd fixed the broken toilet handle.

Finance: We are a bit behind, but that is typical. Things are about normal.

Items for Discussion:

Fall Festival Recap: A successful event. Set-up of tents and tables went very well. Kids' games were free. We had enough food and good weather. Took in about \$1,000.

Fire Department Visit: We have exits marked well. Fire extinguishers are dated. We definitely need more smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Dave Mundale volunteered to purchase these. Karen will follow up with him.

Disaster Response: Karen reported that the fire marshal suggested we have congregation members assigned to make sure elderly and handicapped people get outside. We should probably do a fire drill with the SS kids and choose a place in the parking lot to meet. We need to write up a fire escape plan and post it in each room.

Basement Windows: Rob Weaver is too busy to finish this job as a volunteer project. Mollie authorized Brenda to ask him to put it on his official work schedule and we will pay his company.

Exterior boards: This is a supply problem. Shawn has been waiting for the boards to become available. Pastor to follow up with Shawn.

Basement: Karen Gregory has volunteered to remove the cabinet doors in the basement kitchen to make open shelving. She will also purchase 2 metal shelving units at \$100 ea. (Susan to ask Finance Team about the expense.) Karen will continue to organize the room.

Youth Gathering Extravaganza: Jenny and Mollie will attend the conference put on by Youth Ministry Network in Minneapolis, Feb. 11-14. Membership in this Network is \$85.

Annual meeting: Scheduled for Jan. 30th after service. We will decide later if we want to have food served. (Depends on COVID)

Council okayed a Girl Scout sleepover in January and storage of an ECFE cabinet for Kindergarten Round-Up materials. Cabinet to go in the old youth office or the Gathering Room.

A member asked about donating a lighted Christmas wreath for the front of the church (wall behind band area) and on the outside of the building (street-side). Concern was made for storage of wreaths if they are artificial. Consent given. **Further discussion of Christmas decorating will be covered at the October meeting.**

Memorial Team asked about changing the address of our building to read "One North Road" instead of just "1". They can pursue this option.

Repairs: There is a crack in the stucco behind the cross on the outside of the building. We need to contact the company that did the stuccoing a couple years ago to fix it. Susan will look up the receipt to see who did the work.

Plumber's bill: Kent was not here to ask if he received any follow up from CP. To be continued....

Backlog Items: Covered above.

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

- Karen G.: Talk to Dave Mundale about smoke and CO detectors; buy metal shelving units; work on basement mess.
- Brenda W.: Ask Rob to put our basement window project on his official work schedule.
- Mollie: Talk to Shawn about exterior boards.

- Susan K.: Talk to finance team about purchasing shelves for \$99 each x 2; look up receipt for stucco work to get name of company.
- Kent B.: Follow up with CP about plumber bill.

Important dates:

Sept. 27, 6 PM – COVID team

Sept. 28, 6 PM – Social Justice Team meeting

Oct. 10, 9:30 AM - New member recognition

Oct. 11, 6 PM – Columbarium Task Force

Oct. 17, 9:30 AM – 1st Communion

Oct. 17, 10:30 AM – Taste of Tanzania

Closing:

Adjourned 8:10 PM

Next Council Meeting: October 19th at 6:00 PM

Submitted by N.Richter