

St. Mark Council Meeting
Minutes
December 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM (ZOOM)

Attending:

President: Dave Mundale
Vice President: Karen Gregory
Pastor: Mollie Dvorak
Member At Large: Nancy Richter
Member at Large: David Kelling
Treasurer: Susan Koosmann
Secretary: Mary Lund
Guests: Jenny Aleckson, Sandy Geslin, Jim and Virginia

Our Mission

- Growing Disciples
- Serving Others

The 7 Habits of Discipleship

- Worship
- Prayer
- Study
- Encourage
- Give
- Serve
- Invite



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

Worship: A time to shift from the days hectic schedule and become Christ Centered with peace and renewal.

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

- Karen Gregory – bringing the live nativity to life for the St Mark community
- Sandy Geslin – organizing, tidying, and purging that has been so badly needed, and asking the questions that need to be asked about care of our facility
- Donna Peterson – all the work of putting together worship; planning, practicing, and playing with the band, musicians, and singers
- Floyd Saunders – taking cans in – repairs to the can wagon...(we should think about upgrading our can collection cart)

Prayer Concerns:

Share of those in need of God's healing and redeeming touch; those we remember here, and those we may have neglected to list:

- Angel and Ricky
- Taylor and Waylon's new twin girls born at 30weeks (Josephine and Riley) doing great
- All churches this Christmas season

Communication:

Pastor's Report:

- Looking into doing a Kahoot event for the youth between Christmas and New Year.
- Feeding families event was a huge success providing gift cards from Cub and Aldi. We raised more than \$1,400.

Team Visits

- **Youth** - Kahoot event?
- **Faith Development** - Ted Talk Tuesdays continue
- **Staff Support**
- **Social Ministry**
- **Plant Sale**
- **Quilters**
- **Finance** – Paid accrued mortgage principal for April – June 2020, changing property insurance provider
- **Memorial**
- **Food and Festival** – Providing cider and cookies for live nativity
- **Endowment**
- **Worship**
- **Property**
- **Renewal Team**
- **Capital Projects**
- **Covid Response Team** – Q & A Video coming soon

Calendaring:

- Townhall meeting; Sunday, January 17th at 11:00am via ZOOM
- Annual Reports will be delivered
- Annual congregational meeting; Sunday, February 7th at 11:00am via Zoom

Items for Discussion:

- **Sandy Geslin** - Joined us to ask some questions;
Do we have a schedule to clean our new furnace filters? Manufacturer recommends they be cleaned once a month, Dennis (the furnace guy) says at least once every 3 months. This question should be directed to the Property team or Shawn and Dave Mundale as to how to handle setting up a schedule and perhaps a team of volunteers to do this task.
Shoveling? This hasn't been happening – who is responsible? The new snow removal company is not contracted to do sidewalks – maybe they would be willing to do a 1 drag down the sidewalk when they plow. This again is a property type issue that Dave and Shawn could look at resolving – again perhaps a team of volunteers who would be willing to stop by after a snowfall and check the walks? (front and back)
Sacristy water – the faucet has been? needs to be? replaced & the water heating is an issue. The water is stinky and there isn't enough hot water to properly sanitize the communion cups. Is this also a property team item to be researched?
We need a point person for the property team, and perhaps a point person for specific parts of property; plumbing/heating and mechanical, grounds, building? This will need to be addressed and communicated. (We discussed some of what is currently happening; John Tennessen currently schedules mowers, Hal & Linda have done some grounds beautification and may be willing to help with more of the same, Maggie Tennessen and Joanne Koch have a love of gardens and flowers.)
Ladies bathroom light fixture install? We have a light fixture that we have had for a while and are looking for someone in house to install? Maybe we could contact Apollo electric to see if they would be willing to do?
- **Jim and Virginia** – Joined us to inquire if the \$885.78 of the youth account money they have earned can be designated to a line item for the Adopt-a Pumpkin and Kellie's Kids ministries they champion – this was agreeable to all present.
- **Property Insurance update** - moving our property insurance to Acuity, as pricing is more favorable
- **Church council membership** - looking for 2 new members – discussed option of people to approach
- **Plan for Ministry 2021** - We reviewed and discussed the proposed plan for ministry 2021 we received from the finance team; unanimously accepted by council members as is. We see no potential stumbling blocks or items that are terribly confusing.
- **Live streaming** - Jenny and pastor continue to learn more from contacts with experience at other churches about what we need to do to be ready for live streaming of in person services. It is abundantly clear the first step is to get a robust enough internet service and potentially update our server and web hosting. Comcast to come out and take a look at what the scope of work would be for us.
- **Pest Control update** - \$50 per month – Miguel will set a bunch of traps for mouse and squirrel. He will check traps once a week, or when we need him to.
- **Covid-19 updates** – Linda Madsen and Dave Mundale to record a Q&A video to help explain where we are at, and what the plan is.
- **Drive Through**- December 16th is cancelled
- **Winter Events** – Cancelling outdoor gathering events – caroling campfire, and gathering by fire during the live nativity due to surge in Covid-19 cases
- **Stewardship update** – We have been working with Luther Seminary students and they have presented a year-long concept to focus on stewardship all year; it is called “It is the little things” watch for more to come.
- **Guest preacher/musician** – Rachel Kurtz will be with us on Sunday, December 27th
- **Reviewed backlog items** - removing Mortgage accrual payment – finance team approved payment of the principal of our mortgage payments April – June, which we accrued but were not required to pay due to covid-19.
- **Sandy Geslin** – Council would like to extend a special **thank you** to Sandy for some of the things she has accomplished, or helped to get accomplished over the past several months; stairway to basement painted, window frames in fellowship hall stained, freezer in furnace room cleaned out, Sunday school rooms cleaned out and organized, office supply area cabinets cleaned out and organized, cabinet in small office emptied and disposed of, items from small cabinet organized, credenza in gathering room cleaned and organized, minor carpet repair, washing of furnace filters – twice, organization of library, nursery clean up. Thank you, thank you!
- **Committee List** - this list should be updated annually? Perhaps sent out with annual reports?

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

Closing: The Lord's Prayer
Adjourned 8:00 PM

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6:00pm by Zoom