

St. Mark Council Meeting

Minutes

April 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Attending:

Pastor: Mollie Dvorak (via Zoom)

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 Jenny.

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

- Worship volunteers and musicians
- Sandy Geslin
- Our staff, for being flexible amid tech difficulties, for keeping things running smoothly, for asking for help when needed
- All our committees as we transition to Phase 3 of Covid
- The congregation for being flexible and respecting Covid protocols
- All those who coordinated the Easter garden. Beautiful!

Prayer and Praise:

- Pastor Mollie and her family after her hip surgery.
- The pastors who are filling in for Mollie the next couple of weeks
- Jenny, for holding down the fort during pastor's recovery
- George Floyd trial, results, and peaceful reactions
- Daunte Wright and the ramifications of his death

Guest Visitors:

Communication:

Pastor's Report:

Coming back into the building has gone great. People are honoring the protocols and there has been no complaining. Many funerals and memorials are being scheduled. We will have one service on Memorial Day weekend and then decide about the rest of summer.

Team Reports:

- **Memorial** – Covering part of the cost of the cordless mic and the long cord for the audio recording equipment.
- **Property** – The banner hanger was moved and the bathroom light fixture installed.
- **Food and Fellowship** – Karen Gregory served coffee outside last Sunday and will continue to do so with Shawn and Mary Lund's help through the summer. Dependent on weather, of course. Plans for monthly outdoor fellowship to be determined.
- **Finance** – We were in the red for the month of March, so no benevolence money was sent to the synod. April giving is up because of Easter. Need to find out if Shawn is done working on the siding. If there is money left from the Capital Projects 2020 fund, it will be combined with the Capital Improvement fund.
- **Worship** – In-person worship is going well. We could use more volunteers for the 10:45 service.

Items for Discussion:

Jenny's Updates:

Jenny will be gone May 1-2.

Our redesigned website is almost done. It should be online soon. The cost of \$1400 was covered by a private donation.

Transitioning to Comcast is still in the works. Jenny talked to the construction manager today and found out they had cancelled our order without notifying us. We are looking at another 3-4 weeks to get the work done, but it will be expedited. Comcast will fix any damage to our grass or parking lot that might occur during installation. Jenny will continue to livestream the 8:30 service using her phone for now.

Centennial Utilities came to replace our water meter but was unable to turn off the water since the shut off valve was corroded. They were unable to find the curb stop location, so a plumber had to freeze the pipes before putting in a new stop valve. The city has now replaced the water meter.

Karen Gregory is heading up the Lion's Farmer's Market located in Lexington. It will run Wednesdays from 3-7 PM this summer. Tables are available to community groups to sell things for fund-raising purposes.

Security plans need to be developed for our building – for fire, storms, active shooter situations. Karen G. will call the Police Chief to look around and give us advice on an exit plan. We should have a written Disaster Response Plan and probably a team to coordinate the plans. Also mentioned was knowledge of where the water main is, gas shut off valve, condition of the back steps, and condition of all exit doors.

Hal and Linda, who have been doing yard work for us throughout COVID, have cleaned up the side garden and it is looking great. Many thanks to them. Karen G. will send a thank you card.

The Eagle Scout project that was proposed a couple months ago will still include the Little Library but not the bench.

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

Karen Gregory: call police chief; send card to Hal and Linda

Kent Barnard: bring garbage bags and reflective vests on Sunday for highway clean-up

Important dates:

May 2, 1:00	Highway clean-up on North road
May 22, 9-2	Plant sale

Closing: Prayer

Adjourned 7:45 PM

Next Council Meeting:

May 18 at 6:00 PM