

Trinity Lutheran Downtown
Regularly Scheduled Voters' Assembly Meeting
Virtual ZOOM Meeting
Sunday – December 13, 2020 - 1:00 PM
Worship – Witness – Word – Fellowship – Stewardship

- I Welcome & Call to Order-Tom Finger**
 - Voters were registered through ZOOM chat
 - Call to order
 - Agenda attached
- II Opening Devotion & Prayer-Tom Finger**
 - Prayer
- III Reviewed the Mission Statement-Tom Finger**
- IV Approval of Minutes-Tom Finger**
 - Regularly Scheduled Voter's meeting August 30, 2020
 - Motion to approve-Tom Finger, seconded-Pastor Kallesen
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote
- V Leadership Council Election-Tom Finger**
 - Nominated Candidates:
 - Lauren Robinson-Member at Large-passed unanimously by verbal vote
 - Marcy Shively-Member at Large-passed unanimously by verbal vote
- VI State of the Parish Report-Pastor Kallesen**
 - Cleaned up church office, steeple, Ruth Lane houses
 - Multiple offers on houses
 - IRS-many hours of work to prepare report
 - CDC-luminaries to decorate church
 - Lance Bell-on-line services
 - Desiree Kallesen-Jesse Tree ornaments and devotions
 - Gregg Yawman-bible studies
 - Peace Comfort Dog Ministry
 - Music Ministry
 - Baptisms-5 and 1 more coming
 - Deaths-Mary Gene Carr
 - Concerns:
 - Attendance for worship-can be online
 - Sunday School for kids
 - Thankful-God's been at work:
 - Worship-online presence
 - Prayer groups & vigil
 - Immerse Bible Study groups
 - Training for everyday witness
 - Elders making call to members
 - Able to expand music program
 - Staff will receive Christmas cards with Publix gift cards
 - Possible road closure-Livingston to Magnolia next weekend

- Dec. 19th-drive through communion
- District positions are moving to having current positions to carry over for another year due to COVID. This means District and Synodical Conventions will be rescheduled as well.
 - President Walton is asking for members to vote unanimously to carry this forward
 - Motion-Maggie Bowles, seconded-Tom Finger
 - Motion passed unanimously by verbal vote

VII School Ministry Report-Bonnie Roby

- Kept CDC open during the pandemic
 - 85%=252 students was budgeted, we are 256 students currently
- Current hours are 8:00-5:00, but Patty comes in early to accomodate some parents out
- Sold Christmas cards as a fund raiser
- Updated core statement:
OLD -Trinity Lutheran School promotes academic excellence, nurtures personal relationships with God, and prepares children to lead responsible, purpose-filled lives for Christ.

NEW – Trinity Downtown’s Child Development Center nurtures the development of the whole child from a core foundation of faith, preparing them spiritually, academically, socially, and emotionally, in partnership with their family for future academic success and to lead a purpose-filled life for Christ.

- Still doing chapel in their own classrooms independently
- Question-Is there a way to get more interaction between CDC & church families?

VIII Finance Report-David Wilkosz

- Reports attached
- Reviewed YTD 2020-2021 (2nd quarter)
 - People are minding expenses and sacrificing to keep on budget
 - We are still negative
 - Short \$160,000 revenue
 - Membership & COVID taking a toll
 - We spent less money than last year, but people are not giving as much
 - Have not made principal payments on LCEF loan, only interest
 - Have not been able to get DCE/Deaconess or office help positions
 - We anticipate 100% of PPP loan to be forgiven
 - 3 Ruth Lane houses, if sold, would definitely help us meet LCEF loan payments
 - Are working on subdividing the 3 properties, delayed due to COVID
 - In contracts with buyers
 - All proceeds will go to paying off LCEF loan

IX Leadership Highlights/Discussions-Tom Finger

- Status of Ruth Lane Properties-discussed earlier

- Christmas Eve Services-please RSVP for which service so we can plan accordingly (don't plan on turning anyone away)
- Postponement of DCE/Deaconess Call-not fair to call if we can't afford. After COVID, we will start right back up-already have questionnaire responses with desirable qualities
- Physical Plant Issues:
 - Stained glass windows
 - Roofing of flat roof on sanctuary & Fellowship Hall over to Heritage Hall-leaks
 - Can request a loan from LCEF if needed
 - Taking steps to take care of it
 - Already done:
 - 3 AC units
 - Termite tenting
 - Flooring in the Fellowship Hall

X Walk-In Items

- More outreach to community-Catherine Simmons
- Peace Comfort Dog Ministry Update-Paul Soost

Objective: Bringing the Mercy, Compassion, Presence and Proclamation of Jesus Christ to those in need. Peace is used within our community and around the country, as needed.

Eric and Wendy Havens-no longer on the team

Team and Roles

- Top Dogs – Paul Soost / Karen Arnett
- Caregiver – Paul Soost
- Handlers – Paul, Karen, Julia, Dianne W
- Ministry Team – Diann G, Beth S, Lynn W, Tim N, Jamie H, Karen Lott
- New Members – Jenn B, David & Judy G

Peace's Budget

- Entirely based on donations
- Dollar In, Dollar Out
- Use for Deployments, Outreach, Peace's care and medical
- Vendors – All Creatures Pet Grooming, Corrine Drive Animal Hospital, Fromm Family Pet Food and Bark Avenue Bakery

Deployments

- Elberta, AL – Hurricane Sally
- Pensacola NAS-cancelled due to uprise in COVID numbers

Visits

- Pandemic – Virtual Visits

- Window / Courtyard Visits
- Home Visits
- Available for visits

Outreach

- Postcards to Church Members
- Service Events
 - Orange County Sheriff's Office, Fire Stations, Nursing Home
- Affiliate Christmas Card Program
 - 5 members – Myrt Rhodes, Robert Trapp, Margie Thomas, Ingrid Weld, Mary Gene Carr
- CDC

Passing of Rich Martin

XI Adjournment & Close-Tom Finger

➤ Closed by singing Doxology