

MINUTES FOR MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 13, 2021

In attendance: Kevin Sangster, Gail Cecchini, Marg McCafferty, Regina Listman, Sheila Williams, Al King, Pat Schaffer, Lillian Knott, Denise King and Carole Marella.

The meeting began at 11:30 a.m. with prayer, led by Sheila Williams.

Minutes: Corrections.

Fr. Van Sant's name was corrected. There were some corrections for the bank accounts and Kevin said there did not need to be so much detail in the minutes for the bank accounts.

A Motion to accept the corrected Minutes was made by Sheila and seconded by Lilian Knott. All were in favor and Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The DIT now gives us \$1,040.22 a month interest income. This is a \$48 increase due to the additional \$15,000 we have invested. This is much better than the interest we get from TD Bank. Gail suggested that we put money into the DIT as we can to garner even more interest. A Motion was made by Al to accept the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Carole Marella. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report: Kevin is still looking for a long-term priest who will dedicate a block of time each week for worship services and pastoral care. Kevin will speak to the Bishop after September, if we can reach an agreement with Fr. Henry about the possibility of coming aboard as a long-term supply (part-time) priest.

Our Survey indicated that some members felt their Spiritual needs were not being fulfilled and Kevin is hoping that Fr. Henry can change that feeling.

Evangelism and Outreach: We need to speak to the Lutheran Church's Mission Committee. Last Thursday their council met re collaborating and we are waiting to hear back from them. Kevin got the impression they are not too thrilled to be aligned with us. He suggests joint programs with them in terms of outreach and fundraising. He mentions we should carefully approach talks or activities to do with worship. We should be taking small steps together. Pastor Sunny is very active in the GIFT Program, although he is Pastor at the Methodist Church and would like more people involved. Al said we need to give it more time to see if the Lutherans come around. We shared a list of our Ministries i.e., the GIFT Program. Al will attend the Lutheran Church next week and see how he is greeted. Sheila and Darlene go to a Lutheran Church for their meeting of the Order of St. Luke. When the meetings for the Berlin clergy take place, we do not have a priest who can attend.

Sunday School: Kevin would like to have two groups for children, one for ages 3-6 and another for ages 7-12, as we have Kara, Autumn, the McCauley children, and Darlene's grandchildren. We need Sunday School teachers as Tammy Ruggiero is unsure whether she will be able to teach as she is looking after an ailing family member. We could have temporary teachers until

permanent ones could be found. Kevin would like to see a minimum of 10 children. If we have a good showing of children, we might be able to have our own VBS next summer.

We are looking to have a Confirmation Class and if so, the students could learn to be Acolytes and attend one night of helping at the Food Pantry as their service commitment.

St. Peter's, Medford, uses a children's bulletin, which might cost \$10.00 a month.

We are looking to rent the church to other organizations to bring in extra income.

The Scholarship Fund and Founder's Day will be held September 18.

When the Audit is completed, we can apply for a grant for the church.

Estimates for a ramp need to be obtained for when the elevator finally stops working.

The Sunday School room need ceiling repairs and possibly new windows, so estimates need to be submitted.

Jr. Warden's Report: Two new Handicapped signs will be installed so we will have a total of four Handicapped spots. The light over the Office door keeps being turned off, so that will be fixed. The flagpole will have a new light installed. The concrete on the sidewalk is uneven and needs to be repaired.

Office Manager's Report: Margaret is working on Membership List, correcting any incorrect addresses, etc. The Master List needed to be updated anytime there are changes made for phone numbers, addresses or email addresses. Margaret needs to be informed of any of these changes. She is also working on cleaning up the Key Safe, throwing out any outdated keys and tagging the current ones so they are up to date.

Fundraising: Darlene/Lillian are waiting on a letter from the VFW regarding their hall. Lillian reports that the hall can hold 150 but that she would be pleased if we could sell 100 tickets. The Wawa tickets are selling well and there are approximately 30 still unsold. We will continue selling these tickets as they do not have an expiration date. More will be ordered. Margaret has sold 31 raffle tickets.

Outreach: The Fountains are now called Allegria Senior Living. Pat Schaffer has a contact there. The Children's Home in Voorhees could be a place where we could have a project for the children. Pat Schaffer will contact Women of Hope and see what their needs are.

ECW: Regina was involved in a Zoom meeting with the local chapter and met via Zoom last Thursday with Pat Schaffer and Margaret McCafferty. Regina would like to bring back the Christmas Bazaar. The members would work on a project to sell at the bazaar. We would need to be set up with a budget and any monies made would be given to the church. A "Painting Party" was suggested to make money. Either wood or canvass would be supplied, and the attendees could paint whatever they wished. People would bring their own drinks and snacks. Regina would like to see more women involved in the ECW. Margaret will call the Boro to see if a license is needed for this endeavor. We will need money to fund this project.

Jennifer Guemez's Confirmation is October 2, at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's. Gail will find out if some church members will be allowed to attend. Gail is awaiting Bruce's Ordination date. The question was asked whether we should give Jennifer a Prayer Book to commemorate her Confirmation. The Ruggiero boys did not receive Bibles when they graduated from high school. Jennifer's Quinceanera celebration will be October 9, here at Good Shepherd and Gail has offered to open and close the church on that day. No alcohol will be allowed at the church.

Correspondence: None to speak of.

Mission Committee: The time for today's meeting was pushed back till 11:30. We will continue meeting on Zoom through the Fall and possibly in person by the end of the year. Pat Schaffer gave pizzas to the Berlin First Responders and received a Thank You from the EMS. A Thank You letter was sent to the String Band for their performing at the Yard Sale. The question was asked of Margaret whether she had heard back from Fr. Paul regarding his coming with their church organist to look at our organ. She will reach out to him. The sign out front needs to have our phone number and website put on it. Image 360 Sign Company is who we purchased the sign from. We have quotes ranging from \$375.00 to \$125.00 depending on who we choose. There is also an option to purchase the letters we, and Regina will be looking into the cost for vinyl letters and numbers.

The Berlin Fall Festival will be in October, but Pat Schaffer will check for the exact date. There will be no 4th of July parade, but a "march" which will follow the parade route and go past our church. Pat suggested we have a table out front and give out free water. There is a program that we could print labels to put on the bottles.

We discussed raising the Sexton's (Russ Pillsbury) hourly pay to \$12.00. He currently earns \$11.00, and his contract calls for a review after six months of employment, with an annual review thereafter. A vote was taken, and all were in favor.

Lou Durham would like to have a new Hymnal purchased through Church Publishing, with hymns written primarily by women. He can go online and look at some of the hymns.

Going forward we do not have to register to attend church. The Diocese has increased the number of congregants allowed to gather in church.

The Bishop had a meeting May 23, born of Covid challenges. There is a charitable arm of the church which he hopes will be supported, of which Fr. David Snyder is heading up the Developmental Office.

Margaret made a Motion to extend the meeting to take care of reopening committee. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

These guidelines were not meant to be adopted by all churches, only if we wish to do so. If we are fully vaccinated, we can still wear a mask or not. If some are not fully vaccinated, they are required to keep wearing a mask.

We are starting to put more people in pews and the question was asked if we still want tape on the floor showing the direction to move and whether yellow tape should still be marking which

pews are open and which are not. It was decided to take incremental steps and keep the tape on the pews and the tape on the floor showing the direction to walk.

If reading at the lectern, a vaccination card must be shown to Kevin to prove one is fully vaccinated.

The question was presented if we wanted to go to the Altar railing to receive Communion or keep Fr. Chan walking to the pews. It was decided to keep Fr. Chan moving to each pew.

We were asked if we wanted the Offering plate passed or leave it on the table at the back of the church. It was decided to leave it on the table at the back of the church.

If we start Brunch, it was decided that whoever was serving, should wear a mask and gloves and that we could do coffee and pastries until Fall, rather than a full Brunch. Regarding seating for Brunch, unvaccinated people should not be seated with those vaccinated and they must wear masks.

A letter will be sent to those who do not have email, explaining lowering restrictions for church.

The meeting ended at 1:58 p.m. with prayer led by Carole Marella.

Respectfully submitted.

MARGARET MCCAFFERTY

Mission Committee Secretary