

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Eggertsville  
Church Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m. on May 12, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Scott Fierle

PRESENT: Pastor Steve Biegner, Janell Andersen, Scott Fierle, Cheryl Gillen, Nicholas Hazlett, Debbie Howe, Bill Niblock, David Schunak, Vern Stein, Barb Walter

EXCUSED: Sue Renken-Mintzer

DEVOTIONS: Pastor led us in prayers.

MINUTES OF RECORDING SECRETARY: Scott moved to approve council minutes from April 28. Barb seconded and the council approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S UPDATE:

We need to check the most recent bill saying that we had excess printing in April.

We do not have an easy way of counting attendance but are using a flat rate of 200. The records will have to place an asterisk in these months because it is not the same as doing an in-person count. Me TV's matrix calculates 7000 viewers from Jamestown to Rochester.

We are on budget even without the PPP loan. We will be able to use it within the 8 weeks of receiving it because of the June 15 payroll. We also have not had employee reductions (a new criteria for taking the loan).

Scott and Katie will find a way to give Bill a breakdown of what the designations are for online giving. There are multiple categories including general fund, youth fund, pastor's discretionary, Daily Bread Food Truck, Haiti, etc.

Bill needs an official email: [treasurer@stpaulseggertsville.org](mailto:treasurer@stpaulseggertsville.org) to make communication with vendors easier. It would also be good to have one for council president.

We can now give our benevolence.

Scott Vahue is now listed on the M&T account so Bill Niblock is not handling that alone.

Mark McNichols needs a 2019 1099; Bill will be able to handle that.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor is continuing to receive coaching on being an Anchor Church. He is putting together a Vision Team, and they will go forward via Zoom.

We are a living, growing church. We have had visitors in our Zoom Coffee Hour. How do we make contact and welcome people virtually? There are baptism requests. Is there a way to baptize a child with social distancing? The first Sunday in June we welcome new missionaries during the Zoom Coffee Hour.

Pastor Steve and Pastor Jeremiah will continue with the 30-minute service on Me TV through the end of 2020. They will have Zion's interim minister with them one week. They want to keep the service intimate but will have some one-time visits to other locations such as Resurrection and LCLC camp.

There has not been clear information about which phase of reopening includes churches. Council was asked to think of survey questions for us to ask the congregation to see what people's comfort level will be with returning. We need to prepare the questions but not offer the survey until we are closer to reopen.

Scott moved that the council give Bill Niblock permission to access payroll forms digitally. Debbie seconded and the council approved unanimously.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Scott motioned and Barb seconded.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Respectfully submitted, Deborah R. Howe, Recording Secretary