

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church: Family Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2020

Our Purpose Statement: Sharing God's love, growing in faith, and creating community.

Our Guiding Biblical Principles:

1. Worship of the triune God is central to our life together.
 2. We are grounded in Scripture & prayer & we encourage each other to question, listen, & learn.
 3. We believe everyone is loved & worthy of love; all people are welcome in God's kingdom.
 4. We respond to the needs of our neighbors near and far, following Christ's example.
 5. We use our time, talents, and finances for the glory of God.
 6. We promote love and justice for all of God's creation.
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Call to Order

Natalie Cain called the meeting to order.

Minutes from May Family Meeting

Minutes from the May 31st, 2020 Family Meeting were approved as presented.

John Clark Solar Initiative

Ardell Hoveskeland presented the plans for the John Clark Solar Initiative.

- The church has contracted with Ipsun Solar to install solar panels on the roof of the sanctuary, beginning in September, with a planned completion date in March.
- The total cost of the project is \$143,338, and has a 12 year warranty, with a 25 year warranty on the solar panels.
- The panels are expected to produce 60 kW per year. The sanctuary currently uses about 70 kW per year. The estimated savings over 25 years is over \$350,000
- Questions from the congregation:
 - How were the savings calculated? Ardell answered that a 3-4% annual increase in utility costs was assumed
 - Did the proposal account for the repairs needed to the roof? Yes
 - Will the power from the solar panels be just for the sanctuary or for the whole church? The whole church

Budget Report

Dan Hanner presented the budget report. Dan expressed gratitude for the generosity of the Peace Family, especially for the contributions to Peace For The Future which funded the solar panels.

- Contact Dan or the Peace office for a copy of the budget report
- The church qualified for and applied for a PPP loan in of \$52,000 in June. Later this year, the church can apply to have the loan forgiven if church staffing remains the same, which is expected.
- The church is running a surplus despite a slight drop in giving, mainly due to the PPP loan. Dan expects the church to be in good financial shape at the end of the year
- Questions from the congregation:
 - Are there expenses for live streaming the planned outdoor service on the 20th? Pastor Sarah responded no, but we do expect a larger budget for technology related expenses next year
 - Do we have data from new online worshipers? Dan answered no, but online giving is about 50% higher than it was before we switched to online services

Reopening Team

David Whitten presented a summary of the recent work of the reopening team.

- In person worship, outdoors weather permitting, is planned for Sunday September 20th. The Reopening Team is working the details of seating, masks, hand sanitizer etc. for the service
- A short survey was distributed asking for input on questions related to in person worship and other potential activities at the church
- The church is considering requests from groups to meet at the church on a case by case basis
- Questions from the congregation:

- How will music work? Pastor Sarah answered the church musicians will be there performing, but the congregation will not be singing
- Will bathrooms be available? Yes, one person at a time and there are instructions for sanitizing the bathroom
- Will there be a coffee hour? No
- Will there be separate activities for children? No, but since the service is outside there is plenty of room to safely move around if needed
- What about the use of portable air filters? The Reopening Team will research this option
- Will the service be in the courtyard? That is what is planned

Ministry Updates

- Natalie Cain presented the Council liaisons to the church Ministries

Ministry	Council Liaison
Worship	Sarah Schill
Education (includes CYF)	Natalie Cain
Fellowship	Margo Tlusty
Outreach and Advocacy	David Whitten
Witness	Itosi Marrealle
Money (this includes Stewardship)	Dan Hanner
Personnel	Kathleen Wage (Natalie as backup)
Property	Dan Hanner
Technology	Stu Whitehead

- The church is establishing a new Technology Ministry with Kathleen Wage currently the leader. Volunteers are needed whether you have technical expertise or are just interested in helping. There is an immediate need for people to serve as Zoom hosts during Sunday services, contact Kathleen, Stu, or the church office.
- Sundays, 9/20 and 9/27, from 1-2 pm, the Outreach and Advocacy Team invites Peace people to zoom conversations. The first session (9/20) will focus on direct service and faith-based advocacy; the second session (9/27) will delve more specifically into organizations doing service and advocacy work, and offer ways of getting involved as an expression of our faith.

Closing Prayer

Natalie Cain gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.