**Aurora Lutheran Church**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

**May 19, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Aurora Church Council was held on Wednesday **May 19, 2021**

beginning at 6:30pm with attendance in person and virtually. Those present: Bob Thurnau, Stan Norland, Kay Klemmer, Jodi Keck, Kim Wilder, Bill Lewison, Pastor Dale, Crystal Rypka, Jan Nelson, and Jared Prestegard. Absent were Linsey Maher and Brian Styndle.

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Thurnau.

Secretaries report was approved as read.

Treasurers Report: Checking account balance as of 5/1/2021 was $4,580.38. Approved as presented.

March Offering $8,180.00

March Expenses $8,626.73

Net Loss/income - $446.73 Loss

Other income: Parsonage rent, Interest Income, Plot Sale, Re-imbursements totaled $1,599.68.

Thrivent Choice Funds also of $25.00.

Pastors Report:

1. Confirmation went well in May and the 2020 class will get confirmed June 13th.
2. We will continue with virtual and live stream. We should consider a copywrite license for the church. Both copywrites for Livestream and Hymns would be apx $277.00. Motion made and 2nd to purchase both copywrites. Motion Passed.
3. 4th of July service will be held on 6/30 (Wednesday) at 6:30, outdoors weather permitting, and no services on Sunday July 4th. Bring a lawn chair.
4. Motion made by Stan and 2nd by Kay to keep Pastor Dale, on a month to month contract until a new pastor is hired, Motion Passed.

Trustees report:

Brian has priced screen doors. Motion made and 2nd to replace screen door on back kitchen door and on sacristy. Motion Passed.

Voted to replace the iron filter at church to control rust.

Also looking at repairing cement and wall of basement on south side of church, and cementing around church sign and on each side of main entrance door.

Deacons Report: Kim Wilder will be delivering communion cups to anyone who would like them. Please

contact her and she will get them to you. 507-213-9811

Unfinished Business:

1. Call Committee is working on paperwork for the synod and meeting regularly to keep the process moving forward.
2. 150th anniversary committee has been planning for the celebration on Sept 12th, 2020. Watch for more details in July newsletter.
3. Cemetery Care-Jared represented from the cemetery committee and we discussed getting quotes to fix stones and how to contact families for monetary help. PLEASE check your families stones to see if they need repairs.
4. Scholarships- We have 2 applicants for scholarships.
5. Motion made and 2nd to remove facebook/web page from secretary duties. Thank you to Madi Styndle for taking on this roll.
6. Church clean up- Working on burying pipes and drainage on the north side of church and planting grass seed all the way to the church. If anyone has this capability contact the council. We are getting a quote from an outside source.

New Business

1. New CDC Guidelines – As of 5/28 church is open with no capacity guidelines but we encourage non vaccinated members to wear a mask..
2. Church cleanup has been scheduled for the cemetery.
3. **We still need members to run for the following offices: Board of Education, Worship Committee, and Trustee.**

The next meeting will be June 16, at 6:30, in person. Zoom will be set up for those not wanting to attend in person.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jodi Keck - Secretary