

**All Saints Lutheran Church**  
Church Council  
Monthly Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2021

Attending: Pastor Kristin Schultz, Kris Ericson, Diana Lewis, Jim Kruger, Megan Barnes, Lucy Archambault, Martha Debelak, Gloria Napper Owen, Lyndi Dittmer-Perry, Kurt Rager, Brian Hughes, and Marleta Anderson

**1. Meeting Called to Order/Opening Prayer:** Kris Ericson

**2. Approval of Consent Agenda:** Megan asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, including meeting minutes for the March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> council meetings. Lyndi moved to approve the consent agenda and Lucy seconded the motion. Megan called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Preschool Quarterly Update with Marleta Anderson:**

- Background on Preschool - The Preschool opened in 1989 and Marleta has been the director since 2002.
- COVID Protocol Updates - Mandatory mask protocols are being followed, staff has completed Covid-19 training required by the council, outside signage has been updated, parents have received updated letters reiterating Covid-19 protocols and families are complying without complaint, there has been no Covid-19 transmission since the reopening of the preschool on August 3, 2020.
- Enrollment Update - The preschool closed in March 2020 with 31 families. They reopened in August 2020 with 19 families. As of April 2021, the preschool serves 29 families. The summer letter has been sent out to begin summer enrollment. Recent enrollments came from signs placed around the area. No concern with competition from Kiddie Academy opening nearby.
- Additional Information - Marleta applied and was approved for a \$2,500 grant that can be used for teachers' salaries and playground equipment.

**4. Financial Report:** Diana Lewis reported the church received the second PPP Loan in March. She also reminded council that each committee liaison is required to keep their committee informed about that committee's equity funds. Congregation giving was down significantly in March and the church is approximately \$15,000 down in giving from this time last year. The church would be at a negative \$1,600 for the month without the Hass bequest that was received.

**5. Sailboat Church:** Kristin led our discussion. We considered the sailboat as a metaphor for our work in the church. Our discussion included the "churchly tendency" to be task oriented, the human wish to steer and have direction, the early Christian church's understanding of needing to be in the world, the relationship between control and fear, the struggle discerning what a church is called to do versus congregational comfort, and the concept of control being the opposite of faith. Council will read chapters four through six for next month.

**6. Building Reopening for Worship:** Brian provided an update on current priorities for the reopening task force:

- Capacity and Occupancy Update - Jim placed the call and is waiting for a reply.
- Service Details - How will details of the service (such as bulletins, communion, and sanitizer) occur?
- Restrooms - What are restroom protocols?
- Facility Prep - What will our sanitization and air purification procedures be?
- Toilet Replacement - Tom Becker and Brian will replace the broken toilets on April 24.
- Cleaning After Service - What degree of cleaning will be required?
- Usher Training - Who is willing to serve as an usher and what will their procedures be?
- Color Requirement - Although the task force recommended that Bernalillo County be in green before services were held indoors, the council believes that as long as the county remains yellow we can still move ahead with indoor worship at 33% capacity as recommended by the governor's office for churches. Our priority is to provide a safe environment for worship. We will accomplish this with clear communication, adherence to guidelines, and trained ushers.

**7. For the Good of the Order:** We celebrated an upcoming trip, prayed safe travels on a deployment, and prayed for healing in a school community.

**8. Adjournment/Closing Prayer:** Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.