

Shepherd of the Hills

Church Council Meeting

11/17/20 – 6:30 PM - via Zoom

**Attendees:** Pastor Dennis Schmidt, Joe Montfort , Diane Bursey, Sue Meier, Joe Restivo, Chris Russell, Connie Kersten, Ruth Riley, Peg Massaro, Dennis Wick, Jim Johnson, Neville Matadin

**Absent:** Bob McDonald, Mike Walls

**Time, Opening Devotions, Minutes:**

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM – Chris read a devotional – Jesus is calling.

Minutes of 10/20/20 meeting were approved as amended (donated golf cart is for sale)

Pastor's report was mailed out – 7 member visits even with Covid – Pastor will send out

**Treasurer Report:**

Income is down due to Pandemic so obviously we will continue to monitor.

**Committee Reports:**

**Property report** was given by Chris. Church to get thorough cleaning – interior and exterior

**Worship and Music report** – Advent is planned. Pastor and a few will decorate for Christmas. Joe M will pick up two large poinsettias for altar. Discussed Christmas Eve service – available after 4 PM online. Will try to make it as close as to what we are used to.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Church Connect per Larry is a good way to update current info without changing whole website. Joe R went into members blog – posted annual report and then deleted it. Blog is a mess. Talked about setting up a server in Church office for data 'storage'. Joe R. will research for next meeting.

Web Page Update – Larry made 3 changes – 1) updated home page (less busy), 2) eliminated coming soon, 3) eliminated 'hole' in security. As a council we should suggest what we expect website to do.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Handbook – Mike W. – should be complete by beginning of 2021

Constitution – Diane and Mike will work with Synod office to update. Bylaws are a mess – have to work on so they match Constitution

Donated golf cart was sold for \$2900. Thanks to Peg for taking care of that.

**COVID 19**

As of this date, positivity rate is 10.3% - discussed pros and cons as well as hows at length. Discussed a path to re-opening – committee of Joe M., Peg, Sue and Neville

Doors will be kept locked while Pastor is in Church to ensure proper safety procedures are in place. Building is NOT open at this time. Sign on the doors that masks are required at all times.

It was decided that we are not at the point of conducting services yet due to average age of congregation and rising cases. Were also told by Synod not to reopen at this time

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm – next meeting on 12/15/20 at 6:30 PM – will start with a toast for the holidays-BYO

**Respectfully submitted: Sue Meier, Treasurer and acting Secretary.**