

**Messiah Lutheran Church  
Ministry Council Virtual Meeting Minutes  
April 6, 2020**

Present: Pastor Greg, Marilyn Roof, Eileen Cutler, Quinn Abraham, Kurt Garst, Scott Muller, Jim McGinnis, James Ritchie

Present: Marty Malley

President Quinn Abraham called the virtual meeting to order at 6:49 PM.

Meeting opened with prayer from Pastor Berger.

**Community Building:** The members shared “Where has God been at work around you?”.

**Discernment:**

- A. Secretary Minutes – Motion:** Marilyn made a motion to approve the March 12, 2020 Ministry Council Minutes. James seconded. The motion passed.  
**Motion:** Quinn made a motion to approve the phone conference minutes from March 16, 2020. Marilyn seconded. The motion passed.
- B. Treasurer Report – Motion:** Jim made a motion to accept the March Treasurers Report. Scott seconded. The motion passed.
- C. Action on Congregational meeting and elections: - Motion:** Quinn made a motion that due to the social restrictions currently in place, the April Messiah Congregation Meeting scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, be indefinitely postponed. The Ministry Council will reschedule the meeting when it is deemed prudent. James seconded. The motion passed.  
**Motion:** Eileen made a motion that those currently holding an elected position on the Ministry Council and whose terms were ending on May 31, 2020, remain in their position until an election is held. Kurt seconded. The motion passed.
- D. Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) –** The Paycheck Protection Program, during this COVID-19 crisis, is a loan designed to provide direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. After discussion, the Council decided to move forward on this PPP loan application. **Motion:** Kurt made a motion for the Council to authorize the Treasurer to apply at American National Bank for a Paycheck Protection Program loan for Messiah Lutheran Church. James seconded. The motion passed with Pastor Greg abstaining. **Motion:** Quinn made a motion for the Council to authorize the Treasurer to certify that the current economic uncertainty makes this loan request necessary to support the ongoing operations of Messiah Lutheran Church. Jim seconded. The motion passed with Pastor Greg abstaining.

**Reports:**

- A. President –** Quinn will decide how he will promote Omaha Gives on May 20<sup>th</sup>, possibly by email, weekly newsletter or a recorded temple talk for inclusion in a recorded Sunday service.
- B. Pastor –** The food pantry will still be held this Saturday, the 11<sup>th</sup>, with precautions taken to keep social distancing in place and safety concerns for the volunteers and clients. The Synod Assembly for this year has been cancelled and will be scheduled for next year with the same theme and possibly speakers.

The office staff is rotating their days in the office to complete tasks that are difficult to complete remotely. Pastor is scheduled to be in the office on Tuesday, Jean on Wednesday, and Erin on Thursdays.

Pastor has divided the older or alone members into groups so they can be contacted by other members and groups during this time of social distancing.

The Leadership Retreat scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at the St. Benedict Center in Schuyler has been cancelled.

- C. Property** – The installation of the new furnaces is complete. We are awaiting invoices from the electrician for their part of the installation and SOS Heating and Cooling for the new water heater.

**Other Items for the Good of the Faith Community:**

No items were presented.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Eileen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marilyn seconded. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

A summary of the meeting will be in the weekly newsletter in place of the Sunday Ministry Minutes since we are not having church services to comply with state and local health guidelines.

Next Virtual meetings: April 23, 2020 6:30  
May 14, 2020 6:30

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Cutler, Secretary