

Salem Church of Darmstadt  
Council Minutes  
February 8, 2021

**Present:** Jason Smith, Jean Baresic, Beth Willner, Karen Agee, Stewart Hall  
**Using Google Meet:** Reed Schmitt, Mike Lynn, Jerry Baack

**Others:** Pastor David, Lori Feil

**Call to Order:** Jason opened the meeting at 6:00 pm

**Devotion:** Pastor David shared devotions based on Isaiah 6 where God consecrates the leaders

**Treasurer's Report:** Jan 2021 - January deposits larger than normal. Lori mentioned there were five Sundays in January. Also it appears some members may have paid benevolences for the entire year. Lori says she will go ahead and pay the youth funds. The financial report was received subject to audit.

**Secretary's Report:** Beth moved and Jean seconded to accept the January minutes as written. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

1. **Status / Report on Roof** - Stu says there is a spot by the steeple where rain comes in when it rains hard. There is a cap missing but slate is hard to find someone to repair it. There is also damage on Wortman building. Stu said he will try to have quotes from people by the next meeting.
2. **North Entrance** – Posts are in and it is just a matter of dropping a chain.
3. **Update on the Children's church and Adult Sunday School move work** – Mike says all should be complete in the next month except for Paradise and \$10,000 - \$15,000 has been earmarked for the Senior Youth. Mike Lynn is the Council point person and Julie Mann is in charge right now, but we will also ask BoCE for additional input and get contact information.
4. **Update on improving security access** – This is on hold for congregational meeting (Stu / Jason)
5. Update on the sanctuary changes proposal working with John Gross' team –Jason / Mike no update at this time.
6. **Printer / Copier sale of old equipment** – Mike is waiting on buyer interest. He priced it by researching the Internet for like copiers and sale prices.
7. **Position for sound and videographer** – Reed said the goal is to get the position posted on Indeed by the end of the week. None have come forward from the Church so far. The position and scheduling details were worked out with the committee.
8. **Parsonage renovation updates** -  
Replace upstairs 20 year old flooring and Replace carpet on both sets of stairs – Karen said that it is all done and David said the paint is patched on wall
9. **Gyroscopic mount** – Complete and funded by the memorials of Jerry Washburne, Don Wortman, and Betty Willner, and the remainder of Jerry Gruebel. We need to control the whining noise to be able to use it. Mike suggested that we may be able to mount the camera to the wall. We should wait until the new technology position is filled for other possible ideas. We discussed replacing the memorial funds if we are not going to use the gyroscopic mount and try to pay for it with other funds.
10. **Sign for Playground** – Update on inspection protocol - Jason/Stu –The sign is up. Reed said he would come up with a policy for inspection for the next meeting.

11. **Window seal repairs on parish hall** – Karen said the floor windows and 2 screens are replaced but she found another seal leak. She said she checked with several companies for these repairs, but they all said they don't fix what they didn't sell. Karen said she would have Little Gary's Screen and Window Repair Service back out.
12. **COVID status** – [ISDH - Novel Coronavirus: Indiana COVID-19 Dashboard and Map](#) Jason said we will keep an eye on it. Right now we are still in the orange. We discussed what it will look like when we move the 8am service back to sanctuary. For now, the gym is bigger and gives people more comfort and more air circulation. Maybe June will be better with warmer air temperatures and more people vaccinated.
  - a. One confirmand parent asked David if confirmation students could meet in person since schools are meeting in person. The main problem is mixing contact between the young and the elderly. David said that maybe we could control the elderly and young contact through controlling circulation. We could route the groups through separate entrances. David said the virtual classes are working well but there is an advantage to meeting in person.
  - b. When do we want BOCE to encourage in person Sunday school classes? Right now they are sending home kits. We will ask Holly if she could poll parents to see if they are ready to meet in person. Mike said he would have BOCE have a proposal for meeting in person at the next council meeting.

#### **New Business**

1. **Playground Fencing** – Jason said Hastings Mutual Insurance Company is making it mandatory to have a fence between the playground and the parking lot to keep students from running into parking lot. They have not been to the grounds to see the property but spoke with David on the phone. Mike said the playground is approximately 30 feet from the parking lot. Reed said the insurance company needs to physically come and look at the situation before mandating.
2. **BOCE Easter egg hunt.** BoCE has a well thought out plan with much work involved for making the Easter egg hunt a reality. Families will sign up for 30 min time intervals with several different hunts. Jason moved and Karen seconded to accept the BoCE plan to hold the Easter egg hunt. Motion carried. It will take place Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm.
3. **Ash Wednesday service** was discussed. Communion was decided to be the same as we have done in the past with the exception that members would be asked to come forward wearing a mask and David may use a glove to apply ashes.
4. **Concern about shoveling snow** when a trustee is older – Stu suggested assembling a crew of young able bodied people. Ben Kron currently clears a lot of the snow. David said Wednesday's may need shoveling for the prayer group meeting, but it would probably just go virtual. Holly and Lori need clear paths to come in during the week. Reed and Mike said they would help shovel. Jerry said there might be the possibility of using an electric snow shovel.
5. **Balcony Pews** – One of the downstairs pews had wax on the upholstery after the candlelight service. During cleanup the upholstery was ruined. Stu and Dave Lundy used the balcony pews to repair the damaged pew. Stu said he would get the balcony pew fixed.
6. **Letters** - Jason said he received Letters from Habitat for Humanity, Food Bank, and Christ for India

**Next Meeting:** March 8, 2021

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Willner  
Secretary