

Salem Church of Darmstadt  
Council Minutes  
April 12, 2021

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

**Others:** Pastor David, Lori Feil

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

**Devotion:** Pastor David shared devotions based on Matthew 28:7 about being sensitive to where Jesus is leading us

**Treasurer's Report:** March 2021 – Lenten offering as of March 31<sup>st</sup> was \$1835 even with one less service during Holy week. We decided to pay for the technology computer from the undesignated reserve fund. The financial report was received subject to audit.

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

**Old Business:**

1. **Status / Report on Roof** - Stew- Midwest Roofing provided an estimate to provide all labor, material, and equipment to install copper ridge cap for \$12,450. The lift and working off the equipment would be the big expense. Since the damage has only been looked at from the ground level, we talked about getting a more accurate evaluation of any damage to the roof, maybe starting with a drone evaluation or getting a bid for an inspection and report.
2. **North Entrance** – Trustees- We decided to not use the chain for now because the posts seem to be helping keep the large trucks from damaging the pavement. We will put the signs up on the posts.
3. **Update on the Children's church** - Mike – no update at this time
4. **Update on improving security access** – Stew/Jason This is on hold for congregational meeting.
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- No nibbles yet
7. **Position for sound and videographer** – Mike/Reed – Don't have the right fit yet. May market to graduating college seniors or look at a paid ad on Indeed instead of a free posting.
8. **Gyroscopic mount** – On hold
9. **Sign for Playground** –Update on inspection protocol - Reed/Jason/Stew –We discussed that a sign similar to *adult supervision is required; use at your own risk* may be acceptable but we want people to feel welcome at our church.
10. **Playground Fencing Letter Response** – Stew – Insurance agent said he needed a picture of the situation to clear it.
11. **Window seal repairs on parish hall** – Karen – Window is being repaired tomorrow.
12. **COVID status** – [ISDH - Novel Coronavirus: Indiana COVID-19 Dashboard and Map](#) Jason –

13. Spring work day rescheduled because of weather for April 17, 8:00 am – Stew will get a list of items together.

### **New Business**

1. Returning to church service – We discussed having the 10:00 service being more unrestricted and continuing to keep the restrictions at the 8:00 service. We would like to move the 8 am service to the sanctuary June 6<sup>th</sup> so the gym can be used for other activities. We will continue to do communion and offering the same through summer and then reconsider. We will also get feedback from the 8 am attendees on the move decision.
2. Confirmation service was decided to be traditional as it has been in the past.
3. Smoked Pork / Chicken Dinner – We decided to cancel the pork dinner, but we plan on doing the chicken dinner in August and maybe also do a church picnic sometime.
4. VBS – We decided to continue VBS in June. The BOCE decided children will be masked the whole time.
5. Renting choir room for a Bauer Grove wedding party as a changing room – We said it was not a good precedent to set.
6. Who unlocks the church for a wedding? We reaffirmed that it is the trustees responsibility to unlock for renting of the facility.
7. Membership Sunday will be May 16<sup>th</sup>.
8. Letters - Jason received a thank you letter from Weekday Christian Education.

### Latest potential project list

1. More storage for tables and chairs, etc. in fellowship hall
2. Monitor in the kitchen to watch funerals and church service
3. Update Paradise – Smart TV and tablet, paint, updated furniture
4. Replace folding chairs in the fellowship hall
5. Replace siding on parsonage
6. Replace siding on church
7. Replace support straps of boiler piping under the sanctuary
8. Assess stability of the brick support pylons? foundation under the church
9. Add windows on the west wall of the Wortman building for better ventilation
10. Smaller sink needs tall curved faucet for washing dishes
11. From Women's guild: Walk in cooler, new stove, convection oven, warming oven also mentioned, more electrical outlets and stainless steel tables on wheels so can move where needed, fryers or gut entire kitchen and completely redesign
12. Storage shelves needed in the nursery bathroom next to the changing table
13. Backup power for the church like a generator for key fobs, security, and refrigerators

**Next Meeting:** May 10, 2021

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Willner  
Secretary