

Council Minutes 4/16/2020 via Zoom

Present: Dan Poffenberger, Dave Slowinske, Allie Olinger, Rhiannon Johnson, Gina Gertner, Aaron Stromley, Sharon Krueger, Jen Lambrecht

Absent: Nick Cauley, Rachael Wentworth, Jeff Taxdahl

1. President Dave Slowinske called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.
2. Spiritual Practice led by Pastor Dan
3. March meeting minutes approved with the addition of email vote that took place regarding federal funding received and allowing Dan and Katie to be signatories. Meeting agenda also approved. Motion to approve by Gina, second by Rhiannon. Motion carried.
4. Dan updated council members on SOLLC's current situation with Thrivent.
 - Thrivent has granted us three months of deferred interest payments.
 - We are not obligated to pay Thrivent a specific amount toward Forward Together. We are only obligated to pay them half of each dollar that comes in specifically for Forward Together.
5. Dan updated council members on the Paycheck Protection Program.
 - SOLLC applied for PPP and was granted two months of funding, which equals about \$236K. This amount covers five payroll cycles at 100% (instead of 80% everyone had been reduced to), and includes Shepherd's Flock Preschool staff, who had been laid off in March. This money becomes a grant and does not need to be repaid as long as we can prove it was used only for the intended purposes. This is great news! Big thanks to Dan Ringstad at New Market Bank for making this happen early and quickly, and to Katie for all her hard work making it happen!
6. Council discussed effects of pandemic on SOLLC
 - Our digital reach has grown significantly. New ways of worshipping and practicing our faith are helpful during this unprecedented time and we have received much positive feedback.
 - Innovative, fresh, tech savvy, friendly, good mix of traditional/contemporary, great ways to connect to more and new people.
 - Keep experimenting! This all makes for a really great buffet of worship options once things get back to normal.
 - Discussion of possible outreach events is in progress among staff.
 - Discussion of virtual VBS is in the works.
7. Discussion was had around the Congregational Call Care Initiative
 - Those who have been reached are very appreciative and think this is a great idea!
 - Some callers have had to help walk people through installing the app or signing up for emails. Perhaps some general training on these issues should go out to the callers so everyone is prepared.
 - Many seniors are feeling disconnected from SOLLC due to these tech issues.
 - Many phone numbers on file are old/no longer in use/ need to be cleaned up.
8. Next meeting date: May 14, 2020

Sharon motioned to adjourn, Rhiannon seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:49p.