

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 26, 2021 - Virtual meeting via Zoom**

**Call To Order:** Chair Dan Johnson called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

**Attendees (8):** Lucy Diesslin, Rich Floyd, Craig Haberman, Dan Johnson, Margie & Mark Olson, Jay & Jeanne Tomlinson.

**Opening:** Pastor Craig expressed his thoughts about how well we've been doing handling the pandemic and all the constant changes. He then opened the meeting with a prayer.

### **SPECIAL MEETING BUSINESS**

1. **Response to requests to no longer require masks:** With Governor Walz's recent announcement regarding masks, we've had questions from parishioners about whether we could discontinue our worship service mask requirement. We discussed the pros and cons of just requiring masks for non-vaccinated people, having all folks wearing masks when moving around or singing, or just wearing a mask if you want to. After some discussion on these possibilities, and complications of asking folks about vaccinations, Jay Tomlinson moved that we follow the MN governor's decision to remove "all capacity & social distance requirements, as well as the indoor mask mandate". This means wearing a mask during worship service for our church will be left up to the individual's discretion. Margie Olson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Pastor Craig will announce this decision in the *Parish News* as well as preparing a sign for our front door saying "Wear a mask at your discretion". He will also emphasize we will continue our current policy of no official "greet your neighbors", special communion distribution, no offering collection at the pews, and no coffee fellowship after worship.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Tomlinson, Ad Council Secretary