

Hosanna Highlights



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June 2020

Grace to you and peace,

During the stay-at-home days of the corona virus, I have spent more time in conversation with my neighbors than ever before. We linger at the edges of our driveways and visit. We keep up on the 'goings-on' of the subdivision. On Easter Sunday morning, we sang worship songs in the sunrise hours across the street. Being a neighbor seems more important these days.

As Christians, we often pray for the Kingdom of God to come on the earth as it *already* does in Heaven. Christian communities have modeled themselves after their vision of Heaven. We strive to live in community with an understanding that the God we worship, The Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit, are also living together in a holy community. And of course, Jesus showed us and told us what it means to live in community, or in other words, what it is like to be In Jesus' Neighborhood.

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The Gospel of St. Luke and the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan are the scriptural foundation for our studies and worship gathering this month.

Our council has put together a plan for re-opening our worship services. We will share more information as we move into Phase 2. Keep your eye's peeled for that. Until then we continue to have live worship on Facebook and YouTube each Sunday. We are adding more opportunities for our 'online campus' in the meantime.

Thank you all so much for your continued ministry during this time of disruption. I am eager to see you all in person and I am so impressed by how Hosanna was able to minister to our neighborhood.

God bless you and your neighborhoods,

Pastor Jay

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Notes and News:

**Join your church family
online for services
every Sunday!**

Watch Online at

<https://www.facebook.com/hlcpage>



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CHURCH UPDATE:

The council has decided not to reopen for in person worship until the Governor announces the start of Phase 2

We will continue with remote worship for the time being. Once Phase 2 begins, we will be better prepared to have limited activities onsite. Things will be extremely different and it will be very important that we follow the rules exactly. Until then we will continue to be LIVE on Facebook AND YouTube!

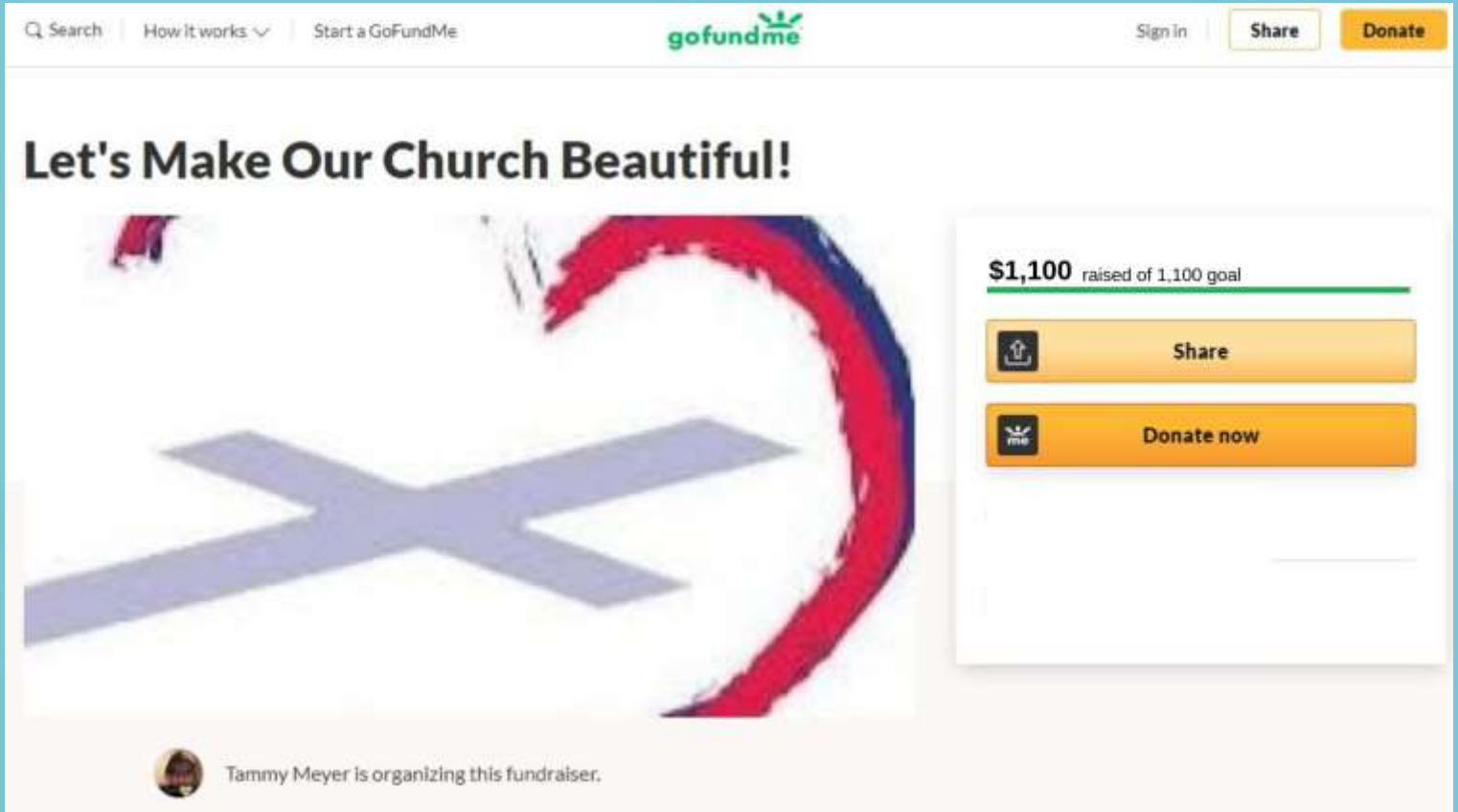


Click [HERE](#) for the online church calendar

May 31	Sunday AM Service Online
June 1	Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO
June 3	Feeding Ministry
June 7	Sunday AM Service Online
June 8	Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO
June 10	Feeding Ministry
June 14	Sunday AM Service Online
June 15	Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO
June 17	Feeding Ministry
June 21	Sunday AM Service Online
June 22	Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO
June 24	Feeding Ministry
June 28	Sunday AM Service Online
June 29	Hosanna Hot Meals TO GO
July 1	Feeding Ministry

JOIN us online Sunday mornings as we worship together online at Facebook.

Due to a generous, anonymous donor our GoFundMe campaign to finish up the Fellowship Hall revamp has been fulfilled! Thank you to those who donated



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe page for a fundraiser titled "Let's Make Our Church Beautiful!". The page features a large image of a purple cross with a red and blue circular border. The fundraising progress is shown as a green bar at 100%, with "\$1,100 raised of 1,100 goal". Below the progress bar are two buttons: "Share" and "Donate now". The organizer's name, "Tammy Meyer", is listed at the bottom left.



To submit prayer requests Click [here](#): Complete the form, and submit your request.

3 Ways to Give



ONLINE

www.hosannalutheran.com

Click "Give" on right side



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2480 Highway 190
Mandeville, LA 70448



SMART GIVING

Text 'hosannalutheran'
to 77977

Online giving through  Pushpay



HOSANNA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB



May Book:
**IT'S NOT SUPPOSED
TO BE THIS WAY**
By Lysa Terkeurst

We will be having an online discussion **JUNE 10.**

Be sure to join us!

**Contact Erica Hoffman for instructions and more
information: (985) 789-1137**

**HOSANNA WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB MEETS MONTHLY ON THE
SECOND WEDNESDAY**

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Office Staff:

Officer Manager
Grace Schneider

Secretary/Bookkeeper
Janice Robin



The office remains closed. Staff are working from home. If you need anything, email officemanager@hosannalutheran.com or contact one of our council members.

Congregational Care Team

The Congregational Care Team of Hosanna Lutheran Church spends time praying and caring for individuals and families who are going through illness, are homebound or facing any personal struggles. The group keeps in contact with them by sending cards, making phone calls and visits. They also find out if they need help or anything else during their time of struggle. If you need help or know of anyone please contact Julie Dausat (985-264-5951) or the church office (985-727-9200).



If you are in need of a hot meal, or know someone that is, come on out Monday night from 5-7pm.

This is a drive through and pick up

2480 Highway 190
Mandeville, LA 70448



Grab & Go
JUST PULL INTO THE CIRCLE AND OUR TEAM WILL BRING YOUR MEAL OUT TO YOU!

Volunteer

Opportunity:

Monday Nights-
Help Prepare and
hand out hot meals.

Wednesday Mornings:
Deliver Sack Lunches
to shut ins.

If you are interested in
helping, contact Steve
Beene

(901) 331-4425

Or the Church Office
(985) 727-9200.



DivorceCare helps you recover from the pain of separation and divorce. You will learn how to deal with the pain of the past and look forward to your future.

Currently on hold

Will resume when restrictions are lifted.

Hosanna Quilters

Hosanna Quilters are currently on hold until the Corona Virus is under control and the government has lifted restrictions.





Director:
Marilyn Boudreaux
(985) 624-5525



hosannapreschool.com

facebook.com/hosannachristianpreschool

Registration

Started January 13th for the 2020 - 2021 school year

If you have little ones that need structure, socialization, and want to prepare them for a classroom setting in a safe loving environment, come check out our Preschool!

There will be no Summer Camp this year. We are looking to see the little ones once again in August!



Virtual VBS with Hosanna

Hosanna Lutheran Church's 2020 Virtual Vacation Bible School is a week of Jesus, games, crafts and a whole lot of fun. Although we won't be meeting onsite, we will do our best to bring the fun to you! At the beginning of the week parents are invited to swing by Hosanna to pick up the supplies needed for VBS. This will include craft supplies, coloring pages etc. Each day there will be a video with the lesson for the day, songs and games as well as instructions on how to complete the craft for the day. This years VBS is FREE and open to all ages although activities are geared towards children ages 5-12!

To Sign up [click here](#)



We are still collecting Community Coffee Labels

Save your Community Coffee proof of purchase labels and place in container at the Info Center to help raise funds for supplies for Hosanna Christian Preschool.

Where to find Proof of Purchase:

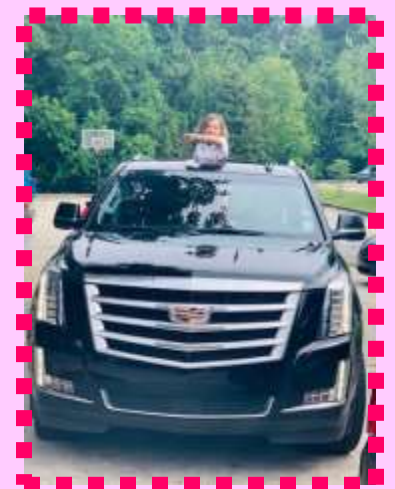
Coffee Filter Boxes
Cream & Sugar Dispensers
Bags of Coffee
Boxes of K-Cups
Boxes of Tea



See you in September!!!



Drive
Through
End of School
Year
Farewell to
Preschool
Graduates,
and returning
students



Church Council

See end of the Newsletter for the Church council meeting minutes.



2020-2021 Council Members:

Teresa Abram– President
Sarah Kezar– Vice President
Doug Burbank– Treasurer
Sandy Nieto– Secretary
George Michell– Worship
Kim Dausat-Thompson–
Fellowship
Steve Beene– Ministry
Ashley Burbank– Discipleship
Rob Rhea– Evangelism

I am sitting down to write this before our church council meeting where we plan to discuss reopening the church. As I reflect on all the unknowns and things that could happen, I've been struggling personally with what we should do and potential impact this could have in our community if we reopen too soon. I'm a scientist and happen to work at the primate center where we are studying COVID-19, and I worry that my knowledge of the biology and complications of this disease are causing me to be exceptionally cautious in my recommendations to the council. But then I think that maybe God put me in this position for a reason. I wonder, and I question, and I worry, and then I stop and I pray. This afternoon as I looked back through the recent newsletter reports from council members I noticed a trend; we have shared the exciting improvements and renovations that have been made to the building while we have been away. It's true, the building looks terrific, and we are all excited to get back inside! And then a little song popped into my head that I haven't thought about in years, I swear that it's a God thing.

The church is not a building;
the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place;
the church is the people.
I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

If you don't have kids, it's possible that you haven't thought about this song and the accompanying hand gestures in many years so take a moment and reflect on what those words mean. We are the church. You, me, and Teresa sitting on our couches at home are the church. Right now that is the reminder I need not to rush the process of reopening the church. We can still be the church from home as we continue to serve however we are able. For some of us that may mean supporting research efforts, caring for patients, serving curbside meals, or making masks for our community, and for all of us it means protecting our neighbors by continuing to physically distance even once we come back together.

Update: The church council reflected on numerous reopening options, and I'm proud to say that we prayerfully considered our options and developed a plan and a backup plan. We will reopen our doors during Phase 2 while following physical distancing guidelines for those members who wish to come. We encourage members who are at increased risk or are able to stream the service online to continue doing so. The council will continue to work together to prepare our physical space for the gradual return of the congregation to the worship space. I want to encourage you all to reflect on what it means to serve your neighbors as a member of God's church during this strange and trying time. If you have any questions or concerns about reopening Hosanna, feel free to reach out to any of the council members or Pastor Jay.

God Bless,

Sarah Kezar
Council Vice President



Katie Sepcich
Youth Director
youthdirector@hosannalutheran.com

This month we had to make decisions regarding our mission trip and our trip to Lutherhill. After discussions with the church council, Praying Pelican, Lutherhill, and our parents, we have decided to cancel our trips for the summer. This was a hard decision. One that honestly none of us wanted to make, but that the current state of the global pandemic forced us to make. This weekend, I visited our Seniors to drop off graduation gifts. My mom made each of them artwork on reclaimed wood, and on the side of the gift, we painted Romans 8:31, “What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?” I think about this verse as we move forward with a new Summer – one that we didn’t plan for and one that looks wildly different than any of Hosanna’s previous summers. If God is for us, who can be against us? God is here with us during this crisis. Guiding on us with how to reopen. Sitting with us in the anxiety that comes from creating a new normal. He is for us.

Although we won’t be travelling this Summer, we still have lots of exciting things going on! Last week we created a Hosanna Tik Tok for our Teens. We have been posting daily devos, Sunday takeaways, and fun content on our Instagram page. I invite you to get involved and follow what we’re doing on both these platforms!

Katie Sepcich
Jr. & Sr. High Youth Director
Hosanna Lutheran Church



Can't wait to see you guys!

Resources and Information

This video Bible study library is for every person in our church.

Watch over 2,000 kid's episodes in the RightNow Media Kid's Library. Stream them in the living room or on the road. These Bible-based shows will educate and entertain children of all ages.

Contact the Church Office for access.

office@hosannalutheran.com



We are now on YouVersion Bible app: Get the YouVersion Bible App on your phone to follow along with Pastor Jay's message each Sunday. Download the app, select 'More' in the bottom right corner, then select 'Events'!

New Online Resources

Check out our new additions the church website:

- [ONLINE COMMUNITY](#)
- [Online Church Calendar](#)
- [Find a Group List](#)
- [Online Directory](#) (Log in required)
- [New Online Giving](#)
- [Register for Events or Classes](#)



Online

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Baptism Milestone

If you are interested in being baptized or having a child baptized.

Contact the office.

[Milestone Ministry Website](#)

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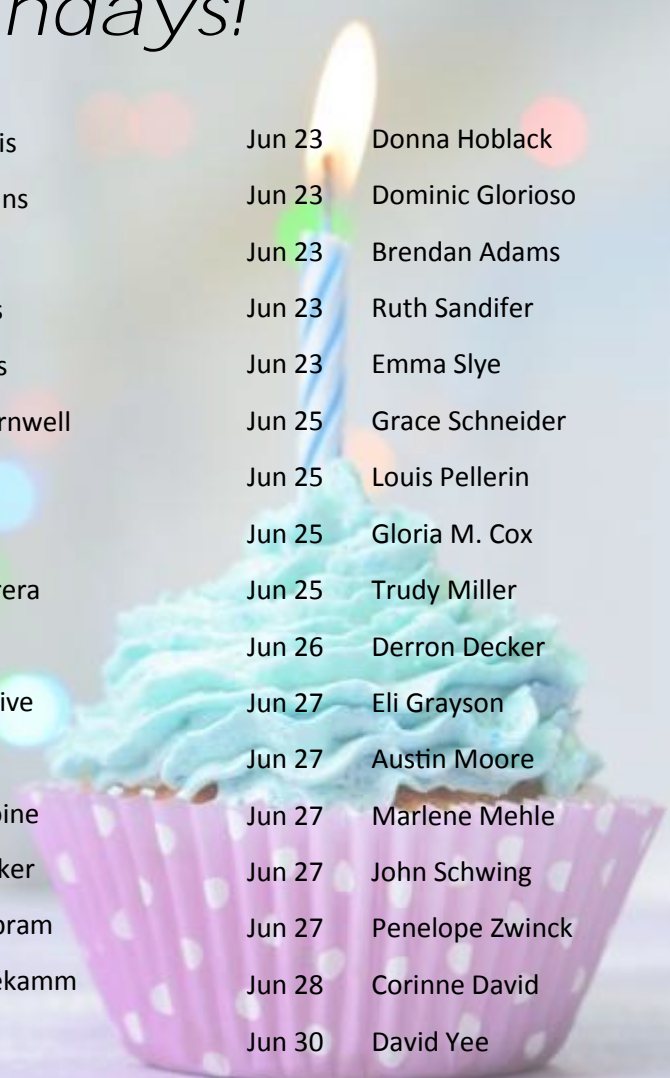


Our new Splash program provides support for families and provides Faith Practices which can be used in the home. Home is

Church Too! Each month, a newsletter will arrive with ideas for gameplay with your child, prayers, blessings, and they are all developmentally appropriate for your child's age. If you would like your child to be a part of this program, please see contact the office.

June Birthdays!

Jun 1	Carlos Pearse	Jun 12	Morgan Lewis	Jun 23	Donna Hoblack
Jun 1	Mona Sparacello	Jun 12	Andrew Collins	Jun 23	Dominic Glorioso
Jun 2	Tara Boynes	Jun 12	Dylan Bild	Jun 23	Brendan Adams
Jun 2	Lisa Gros	Jun 12	Griffin Shires	Jun 23	Ruth Sandifer
Jun 2	Maggie Gray	Jun 12	Debra Mayes	Jun 23	Emma Slye
Jun 3	Quad Mulligan	Jun 14	Jeremiah Cornwell	Jun 25	Grace Schneider
Jun 3	Eugene Helmstetter	Jun 14	Lexie Weber	Jun 25	Louis Pellerin
Jun 3	David Rees	Jun 14	Alexis Lewis	Jun 25	Gloria M. Cox
Jun 4	Bob Mueller	Jun 15	Susannah Sirera	Jun 25	Trudy Miller
Jun 4	Justin Greenleaf	Jun 16	Janet Clark	Jun 26	Derron Decker
Jun 5	John Ruth	Jun 17	Allen Dauterive	Jun 27	Eli Grayson
Jun 5	Mandy Slye	Jun 17	Erin Murphy	Jun 27	Austin Moore
Jun 5	Bebe Stich	Jun 18	Jessica Lemoine	Jun 27	Marlene Mehle
Jun 6	Carlos R. Pearse	Jun 18	Michael Decker	Jun 27	John Schwing
Jun 6	Valerie Smith	Jun 18	Eli (Elijah) Abram	Jun 27	Penelope Zwinck
Jun 8	Mike Taylor	Jun 19	Joshua Wetekamm	Jun 28	Corinne David
Jun 9	Lisa Greenleaf	Jun 21	Sara Joyner	Jun 30	David Yee
Jun 9	Eloise Schroeder	Jun 21	Perry Cole	Jun 30	Peg Campos
Jun 10	Carole Nungesser	Jun 22	Brad Growden	Jun 30	Rhonda Moore
Jun 11	C.J. Mehle	Jun 22	Mike Streicher		



June Anniversaries

Jun 1	Mike & Sue Streicher	Jun 9	Carlos & Maria Pearse	Jun 25	Matt & Jessica Wetekamm
Jun 2	Stephen & Wendy Lewis	Jun 9	Christopher & Vanessa Russo	Jun 26	Carol & Scott Trumbo
Jun 4	Charles & Kathy Colbert	Jun 12	George & Janet Michell	Jun 27	Douglas & Ashley Burbank
Jun 4	David & Katie Grauch	Jun 13	Jason & Jeanette Mayo	Jun 27	Todd & Marie Gregory
Jun 6	Fred & Barbara Wetekamm	Jun 16	Jack & Nancy Anderson	Jun 29	Jim & Carol Henderson
Jun 6	Blair & Lois Sundquist	Jun 16	Jason & Jessica Gray	Jun 30	Steve & Jill Burbrink
Jun 6	Jack & Brenda Tolley	Jun 19	Matthew & Beth Saacks	Jun 30	Ryan & Lacie Weber



Hosanna Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2020

The regular meeting of the Hosanna Lutheran Church Council was called to order at 7 pm on April 20, 2020 by video conference arranged by Teresa Abram.

Those present were: Sandy Nieto, Teresa Abram, Pastor Jay Grave, Sara Kezar, Kim Thompson, George Michell, Doug Burbank, Ashley Burbank, Steve Beene and Rob Rhea.

A quorum was established. Pastor Jay opened with devotion and prayer.

Goal 2020/2021: Prayerfully consider the directions Hosanna is moving to fulfill our mission:

- New building?
- Redo current building
- Move and expand preschool with satellite congregational space

Mission: To Proclaim the Love of God to all people, so they may know Jesus Christ, grow in faith and follow Christ.

Strengths: Welcoming, friendly, small groups, Exclamation, Hosanna Hot Meals, Quilters, HIS ministry, preschool

Concerns: Attendance , budget, preschool needs, building needs, technology, giving

Evaluation Reports

- **Pastor Report: LEARNING**(about online giving, digital worship , distributed workforce, government stimulus grants), **CONNECTING** (phone calls to members and leaders, collaborating with our neighbors, feeding our community), **PLANNING** (Resurrection service, Rooted pilot program, Facebook Live in future, Sanctuary worship staffing and revamp)
- **Vice President(Sara): “CARE CALLS”** have been helpful, another round of calls recommended
- **Worship (George):** Stage is completed, carpet to be installed in a week, Facebook Live services . Suggest continue online services even after we are able to resume services in the building.
- **Discipleship (Ashley):** Small groups (encouraged to meet virtually for now), Rooted Pilot program (10 week discipleship program to replace Exploring Series 101, 201, 301, 401), Vacation Bible School (tentative dates June 22-26, may need to meet virtually due to Covid-19), Women’s Retreat (postponed until fall).
- **Teresa and Ashley** helping Alex Abram paint fellowship hall. Recommended that carpet flooring be changed to vinyl plank flooring to match Narthex.
- **Ministry (Steve):** Hot meals providing 400-500 meals on Mondays, 300+meals by Pam on Wednesdays. Drive thru service at church, and delivery to residents without transportation. Hope to apply for grants to help supplement funding for this. Volunteers needed to provide desserts (casserole club?)
- **Fellowship (Kim):** Consider Crawfish boil to-go in May, but may not be able to sell tickets since we are not meeting in person at church. Recommended waiting and holding an event, like a Reunion, when social distancing no longer needed due to Covid-19.
- **Treasurer (Doug):** He has the observed/budgeted figures for March. Will discuss with Rob to clarify.

Secretary (Sandy): Minutes to be approved. Steve motioned to approve minutes and George seconded. All were in favor , motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cares Act update: Hosanna’s application was approved for the SBA loan/grant!

Fundraising: Grant team identified (Charles Stone, Heidi Rhea, Tammy Myer) , grant idea form created on CCB.

NEW BUSINESS

- Research starting new preschool in Madisonville. Will recruit volunteer team to start looking into feasibility. Synod grant of \$90,000 available for startup.
- Leadership training: Teresa will help council members get better at this
- Financial Report: Doug shared Excel March figures

PRESIDENT’S GOALS

- Consider and decide on future of the physical spaces for preschool and fellowship/meeting areas.
- Grow ability to delegate and create excited members, teams and involvement.

ACTION PLANS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS: Plan goal, 3-4 steps to take to achieve goal, evaluate % completion, prayerfully think how your purpose area can help in overall mission and goals.

Next Meeting will be held 5/18/2020.

Minutes submitted by Sandy Nieto