

**Council  
&  
Board Minutes  
  
October 2023**

## St. John Buildings & Grounds October 3, 2023

**Members in attendance:** Jamie Carolan, Kurt Hoeft, Ana Blickenderfer, Lenis Buseman, Pastor Russ, Gaylen Hickock, Don Tieskotter, Brian Schmidtke

Welcome at 6:03 pm by Ana

Prayer by Pastor Leeper

*Agenda*, motion to approve by Gaylen, second by Lenis

*Minutes* – none provided

### **Old Business:**

*Blessing Box Storage Cabinets* – Gaylen made the motion to purchase 4 upper and 1 lower cabinet. Don seconded. Motion passed. (Benevolence fund)

*Chandelier Winch* – tabled as no one has had time to help Jamie.

*Exterior Window Cleaning* – a business was contacted but decided they are too busy, and the job may be too big for them. Tabled until spring.

*A/C Unit for Sanctuary* – 4800 for AC repair in budget; Kurt to take to council for the remaining dollar amount as the quote from Mills Inc is \$10,111 plus tax.

### **New Business:**

*Use of building* – none

*Use of bus* – Ana made a motion for the bus to be used as part of the monthly food pantry to help disperse food to those who are homebound. Brian seconded. Motion passed.

*Office door/security cameras* – Trent Parker attended the meeting to discuss the camera package and door latch system he recommends for the building from the door change and also to allow members of staff to let people in without being onsite (from their phones). Gaylen made a motion to move forward with the project, Brian seconded. Motion passed; however, Kurt will need to take to Council due to the dollar amount.

The church secretary has also asked for a camera to be added to the current system at the east end of the long hallway so she can see people coming and going. Lenis made a motion to install the camera (parts/labor), Ana seconded; motion passed.

*Secretary office Door Window*– Ana to contact Sean Griffen from Westergard Construction to bid the project as they regularly install window kits.

*Carpet at landings* – Hillegas provided floor samples for the board to look at for the landings near the lifts. It was decided to not try to match tile; the recommendation is a heavy-duty carpet. Brian made a motion for the straight-line carpet square provided, Don seconded. Motion passed.

*Kitchen faucets* – since one faucet was replaced in the kitchen, it was asked if 2 more could be replaced with the same/similar faucet. Lenis made a motion for 2 more kitchen faucets. Gaylen seconded. Motion passed.

Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 7:08 pm.

**Next Meeting November 7, 2022 at 6pm.**

Minutes submitted by Ana Blickenderfer 10/05/23

**Family Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

Members Present; Laurie Heidebrink , Tina Marth, Carolyn Marth, Kari Ungs, Julie Begeman

Tina opened in prayer at 5:30

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Rally Sunday;
  - o feedback is that the RC cars and games turned out well. No track was needed, the kids just had fun driving around. Maybe bring some spare batteries next time.
  - o The new registration forms for Sunday School/Programs was well received, putting “family” info on one side, and kids names on the other was easy to do
- Board Member Replacement;
  - o Kari Ungs joined us tonight, excited to have her!
- 25 Cent Store – Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00-12:30 AM
  - o Laurie suggested bringing up the items earlier in the week, unless there is a funeral or something. She will leave a note for Jamie to put tables up for store items and for wrapping. She will also show Tina where the wrapping paper is. An email will go out to the high school students asking for help with wrapping, and a few other names were suggested as well, Tina will contact them.
  - o Set up will start at 8am on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kari, Carolyn & Tina can help
  - o Announcements have been in the bulletin asking for people to bring items
  - o Afterwards, items will go to Treasure Chest

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Advent Event
  - o Maybe this could be a kit to take home and do as a family. Tina will work on this.
- Future changes
  - o Laurie has taken another job and will be starting that early November. She is gathering information to pass on about activities that we generally do, and will try to relay anything she can before she leaves. The hiring process may be difficult, as the council decides what her position would entail going forward, and the holidays in there as well.

Next Meeting – Nov 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

Closed in the Lord’s Prayer at 6:05pm.

**St John Lutheran Church Finance Board Meeting:**  
**October 10, 2023**

Present: Jeremy Heyer, Sharon Tieskotter, Karol Carpenter, Ron James, Ryan Venz, Brain Watkins, Pastor Russ Leeper, Rhonda Schmidtke Business Manager.

Meeting was opened at 5:00 PM in the Chapel Room by Chairman Jeremy Heyer.

Pastor Russ opened with a prayer.

Sharon Tieskotter made a motion to approve the September 12, 2023 minutes, Ron James second the motion. Motion carries.

Ryan Venz made a motion to approve the October 10, 2023 Consent Agenda with the addition of the Quarterly Benevolence Offering designation. Sharon Tieskotter second the motion. Motion carries.

Approval of Disbursements: Ron James made a motion to approve the August disbursements, Sharon Tieskotter second the motion. Motion Carries.

**Old Business:**

1. Capital Improvements Project: The Lift project has been completed all except for the carpet installation. Karol Carpenter questioned if the final total for the Lift Project at this time is \$241,297.32. It was requested to have council president Josh Johnson give a final summary to the congregation. Noted that it would be nice to share the amounts donated as well as fund paid by the church from each account such as Kroneman Capital Improvements and memorials.
2. Brian Watkins has been approved and appointed by the church council to finish the term on Finance Board previously held by Bruce Boerschel.
3. **New Business:**
  1. Review Monthly Reports: Rhonda Schmidtke reviewed the Financials. Ron James made a motion to approve the Financials, Sharon Tieskotter second the motion. Motion Carries.
  2. Ministry Support Plan: Jeremy Heyer and Sharon Tieskotter will meet with Rhonda Schmidtke to begin the process of the Ministry Support Plan. This will need to be presented to the church council by their December council meeting. Rhonda would like to go over and reorganize some of the current accounts before a new MSP is in place January 1, 2024.
  3. Quarterly Benevolence: Karol Carpenter made a motion to send the Benevolence in the amount of \$2041.22 to the Holiday Cheer fund, Sharon Tieskotter second the motion. Motion Carries.
  4. Insurance Plan Level for Russ Leeper: Ron James made a motion to continue with the Gold level for Pastor Russ insurance coverage. Ryan Venz second the motion. Motion Carries.
  5. No Council Report as there was no representative present.

The Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 14, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Ron James made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ryan Venz second the motion. Motion Carries. Meeting Adjourned.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Karol Carpenter  
Finance Board

## **Stewardship Board, October 10, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Diane Laudermilk, Kathy Waldorf, Yolanda VanAusdall, Sandy Hicks, Pastor Russ Leeper, Council Liaison Judy Hughes

Our meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Leeper.

A request for funds from Kans for Kids was received from Laurie Heidebrink requesting \$1,390 for a new projector and \$380 for insurance protection plan for a total of \$1,770 . Sandy Hicks made a motion to approve this purchase and protection plan and Yolanda VanAusdall 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding Consecration Sunday. We will be getting together again on October 19 at 10:45am to stuff envelopes for Letter #3 and again on October 31 at 11am to stuff envelopes for Letter #4.

Next meeting: November 21, 2023, at 2pm.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Waldorf

Secretary

**Youth Board**  
**October 15, 2023**

Youth board met on October 15, 2023. Members present were: Ann Prichard, Sue McDonald, Lydia Johnson and Council Liaison Justin Chase. We started the meeting with a prayer. For old business we discussed confirmation kickoff and youth hour. Both went and are going well. We have tabled youth group for another month.

For new business, we discussed several things. We will have a cookie reception after the Christmas Program on December 10th, asking all committee members to bring a 2-3 dozen cookies or bars each. We will have a confirmation fun night on November 15th. We'll play bags (Sandi's -2, McDonald's -2 and Church - 2), have coloring sheets (Lydia - send to Toni to print) and games available. Lydia will let Kathy know that confirmation is having a fun night so more kids might be interested in eating supper.

We didn't discuss the annual meeting brunch much as we'll need to get more details from Laurie on this to be able to plan it. It was decided by Council that Youth and Family boards will be combined after the congregation vote on it. Lastly, Laurie has given notice that she has taken a new job in a few weeks. We appreciate all that she has done for the youth and families of St. John. We will watch for Council and Personnel Committee for more details on how this transition will be handled.

The next meeting will be November 12th at 10:15 AM in the fireside room.