

**Council
&
Board Minutes
September 2023**

Board of Deacons Meeting-Minutes
Sunday September 24, 2023
10:10

The September Deacons meeting was called to order at 10:10. Members in attendance included Diane Sande, Brent Hinz, Lorie Hoeft, Wayne McClintock, Julie DeBower, and Melanie Johanningmeier. Wayne opened the meeting with prayer.

Old Business

- Thank you to Eric J. for filling in for the board in September.
- December calendar reminders-Christmas Eve will have a 9:00 am service with no communion,
 - Evening services will be at 4:00 and 6:30. There will be three stations for the 4:00 service and two for the 6:30 service. *Brent, Kip and *Lorie will serve at 4:00 and *Wayne, *Julie and Diane will serve at 6:30. Additional help will be found to fill in.
(* indicates early for set up)
- Tentative dates in December include December 10 being the Christmas program and December 17 being music Sunday.

New Business

- Preschool choir will sing on October 15
- Consecration Sunday is October 29
- Leftover wine from the communion kits needs to be dumped out each month and refilled with new wine.

Readers for October

- October 1- Eric Johanningmeier
- October 8-Bennett Hansen (Confirmation Sunday)
- October 15-Josh Johnson
- October 22-Kathy Rogotzke ?
- October 29 Alison Mehmen

Communion Assistants

October 1

1. Beth, 2.Wayne 3. Lorie and 4. Brent
Lorie and Wayne will come early to set up

October 15

1. Diane 2. Brent 3. *Wayne 4.*Julie
Wayne and Julie will come early to set up

Meeting adjourned at 10:36

Next meeting will be November 12 at 10:10 in the chapel.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Sande

Family Board Minutes
September 13, 2023 at 4:30pm

Present: Laurie Heidebrink, Tina Marth & Carolyn Marth
Opened in prayer at 4:34pm – Tina

OLD BUSINESS

Canoe & Kayak Trip – This will need to be postponed until next year, given the lack of current in the river with the lack of rain. Revisit it next year with the Youth Board.

Rally Sunday – Will be Sept 17th. Laurie, Tina & Carolyn will bring 1-2 doz treats, as well as other treats being provided by members of the Parish Ed Board. Laurie will plan to draw the track and get games out on Saturday. Jamie said that he will help get out some cones as well. Will have to wait for the Blue Parking lot to clear out a bit after church.

Board Member Replacement – Kari Unga was suggested.

NEW BUSINESS

25 Cent Store – Set date for Sunday December 3rd from 11-12:30. Laurie will get this in the bulletin to start having people bring in items. We will start setting up on that date at 8am.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 25th at 5:30pm.

Closed in the Lord's Prayer at 5:10pm.

St John Lutheran Church Finance Board Meeting: September 12, 2023

Present: Jeremy Heyer, Sharon Tieskotter, Karol Carpenter, Ron James, 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.

Ron James made a motion to approve the August 8, 2023 minutes, Sharon Tieskotter second the motion. Motion carries.

Karol Carpenter made a motion to approve the September 12, 2023 Consent Agenda. Ron James 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: Rhonda Schmidtke reported she has paid all the bills received to date on the Lift Project. The only remaining expense will be the floor covering and they are waiting for the contractor to become available to lay the new flooring.

New Business:

1. Review Monthly Reports: Rhonda Schmidtke reviewed the Financials. It was noted that some of the expense lines have gone over budget while others are under budget. This will continue to be monitored. At this time offerings are not keeping up with expenses. Pastor Russ noted the air conditioner in the sanctuary has gone out so will need replaced. Preliminary estimate will be around \$10,000.00 so will need to look into where funds can be used to replace this item, possibility is the Disaster Relief Fund. Also, discussion was given as to the status of replacing the parking lot. Funds are not readily available so will consider what options the church would have to fund this much needed replacement. Also questioned was the parsonage roof has been repaired a couple times but still leaks. This will also need to be addressed in the future as a replacement or repair.
2. Council Report: None as there was not a representative present to report.
3. A name has been mentioned to replace Bruce Boerschel term for the Finance Board. Council will need to approve someone for this position.

The Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 10, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

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

Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Karol Carpenter
Finance Board

Stewardship Board, September 19, 2023

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

Our meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Leeper.

There was no request for funds from Kans for Kids.

Preparation for Consecration Sunday on October 29th:

Diane contacted three individuals to fill Announcers #1, #2 and #3 and all were willing to speak. Announcer #1 on October 8th, Announcer #2 on October 15th, and Announcer #3 on October 22nd. Sandy Hicks was willing to make signs announcing, "It's Coming" and post them throughout the church, parish hall, stairways, and bathrooms.

On October 6th at 11am we will get together and stuff envelopes and postmark letters #1 and #2. Letter #2 will go out to anyone that is on a governing board and announcer #1, #2, and #3 inviting them to a dinner on October 23. Pastor Russ Leeper will be our speaker for the night.

On October 15th meal Reservation cards will be distributed by the ushers, filled out by members, and then collected by the ushers. Board members will get together on October 20 at 11am to put Letter #3 into envelopes and mail to those members who have not responded yes or no to the meal on October 29th. On October 22nd the Stewardship board will meet after worship and go through the responses and mark those we haven't heard from and will need to be called. These names will be brought to the dinner for all council and board members attending the meal on October 23 to take home and help with the calling.

On October 29th right after service we will take all cards turned in and put them in alphabetical order for Rhonda Schmadeke. Pastor Richard Wehrs, Reginal Manager Mission Investment Fund ELCA will be our speaker for the day.

A week after Consecration Sunday Rhonda Schmadeke will put together a thankyou letter to each giving member what they filled out on their Estimate of Giving Card.

Next meeting: October 10, 2023, at 2pm.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Waldorf

Secretary

Youth Board Meeting Minutes

Sept. 13, 2023

5:15 PM

PRAYER

1. Old Business

- a. Discussed Youth Board member Sydney Hinz replacing Michelle Grob. Sydney is 18 years old and graduated from high school. We will add another youth to fill her “youth member” spot on the board.

2. New Business

- a. Confirmation kickoff – September 27th, 6-7pm
 - Who will be present? Laurie, Lydia, Ann, maybe Sue, maybe Dennis
 - Who will pick up s’mores items? Laurie
 - Who is bringing firewood? Lydia and Kathy R. both said they have firewood
 - Who is bringing marshmallow-roasting sticks? Sue, Lydia, Ann
 - Have we found a fire-pit? Maybe Eric J?
- b. Confirmation youth hour – Begins 24th, uses same schedule as Sunday School, Lydia & Josh leading

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 15th at 10:15am in Sunday School classroom #27

St John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council meeting minutes

The regular meeting of the Church council was called to order at 6:07 pm on September 12, 2023 by Josh Johnson.

Present: Pastor Russ Leeper, Shirley Holm, Justin Chase, Judy Hughes, Kathy Rogotzke, Kurt Hoeft, Jake Gassman, Janet Petefish, Rhonda Schmidtke-Business Manager, Sarah Kendall-Secretary and Josh Johnson-President.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Leeper

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda: Rogotzke/Holm. All approved.

Previous month's council minutes: Motion to approve minutes: Gassman/Rogotzke. All approved.

Council and Building and Grounds joint session: Council and Building and Grounds met in a joint session to discuss blessing box accessibility. The flight of stairs between the blessing box storage shelves and the current location of the blessing box present a challenge to those wanting to volunteer to help but have mobility challenges. Pros and cons of various solutions were discussed by council and building and grounds. Building and grounds recommends installing cabinets in the stairwell landing inside the doorway from the current blessing box location. Motion to approve Building and Grounds recommendation to pursue installing cabinets in the stairwell landing: Gassman/Rogotzke. All approved.

Pastor's report: God's Work Our Hands went great. Thank you to all who helped. 19 people have signed up for Pastor's adult catechism class so far. A request has been made from the following to become members of St. John: Phil, Jana, Molly and Maxtyn Hammermeister and Lynn and Jane Thronston. Motion to approve all of the aforementioned for membership at St John: Hoeft/Petefish. All approved.

Finance: Financial reports were distributed to the council. Jeremy Heyer and Rhonda are working to organize and streamline the accounts. Rhonda is considering having an expert free-lance accountant assist with this process also. Motion to approve the financial reports: Hughes/Gassman. All approved.

Monthly Benevolence: Josh reported that the Sunday youth fellowship group has a desire to begin performing service projects and community outreach. Motion to give the benevolence to the Sunday youth fellowship hour to be used toward community outreach and service projects: Hughes/Hoeft. All approved.

Board reports:

Finance: Brian Watkins has been nominated to fill Bruce Boerschel's vacancy due to his resignation from the finance board. Motion to approve Brian Watkins to the finance board: Holm/Hughes. All approved.

Family board: Kari Ungs has been nominated to fill Carly Marten's vacancy due to her resignation from the board. Motion to approve Kari Ungs to the family board: Holm/Hughes. All approved.

Constitution and Bylaws review: Section 9 and 10 of the bylaws was discussed by the council with changes recorded by Janet Petefish. Motion and voting regarding bylaw changes will be postponed to a future meeting.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:00pm in the parish hall

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:41 pm: Hoeft/Petefish. All approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Kendall-council secretary