

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council & Board Minutes**

Church Council Meeting, April 12, 2022

Present: Pastor Russ Leeper, Dennis Sande, Jake Gassman, Janet Petefish, Kim Watkins, Doug Holm, Judy Hughes, Kurt Hoelt, Linda Hughes, Josh Johnson, Ron James, Kathy Rogotzke, Julie Begemann

Opening Prayer: Pastor Leeper opened with prayer.

Agenda: The agenda was approved by the council (motion – Kurt H, 2nd Kathy R)

Council Minutes: Last months' minutes discussed but not approved at this time.

Pastor's Report: Pastor gave us all the dates of his vacations. Kurt-motion, Ron-second, all in favor. He pointed out that our church's mission statement is what called him to St John. Paster asked each one of us to pray and think about how St John is calling us to live out our mission for 2022. We need to report back to him by next meeting. The idea of an action plan was brought up for the next 3,6,9 years.

Financial Report: Linda reported that 25% of the year is gone. The line item for buildings and grounds was for the extra cameras. Kurt requested a quarterly balance sheet. Linda will provide. Dennis-motion, Janet-second, all in favor.

Monthly Benevolence: March went to Madison County. April will go to Eastern Lutheran. Janet-motion, Doug-second. All in favor

Boards Reports: As we listened to the following information, Pastor Leeper said he suggested the new boards look at all of the people on each board to find the best time to meet and that the meeting time may need to change to meet the schedules of the new people.

- **Building & Grounds:** They held a special meeting on the elevator. Julie presented information on research she had done. The board took a walk around the church and made a list of needs. They will be getting a concrete bid for the sidewalk corner of main and Gilbert.
- **Youth:** 175 people were served at the Palm Sunday breakfast. They will be selling t-shirts. May 4th will be a bonus fun night. June 12 will be a bake good sale. 17 youth plan to attend the Dakota trip.
- **Finance:** It was brought to our attention that Richard Olsen will be resigning. The board would like to appoint Jeremy Heyer to take his place. They are requesting that Jeremy look at the best options for the investments. It was addressed that Karol Carpenter help Linda 3.5 hours per week and the \$2800 per year from budget to pay her.
- **Family Board:** has not met, Easter egg hunt planned.
- **Stewardship:** They have been working on the talent sheet.
- **Parish Ed:** 50 enrolled students with an average of 30 each week. VBS is in June. Idea of a donation board to help offset the cost of materials. The adult bible study has 15 members.
- **Pre-school:** Preschool: Russ and Josh will be meeting with Whitney next Tuesday.
- **Deacons:** All Good

Business:

1. 150th Celebration: Janet said the hat and bow ties went over well. She is still contacting past Pastors for letters, videos, or visits. The gathering after service will be cinnamon rolls, fruit cup, and coffee. She is looking to help from council to help serve that day.
2. Personnel committee: Josh handed out the Pastor and staff documents. A few minors adjustments were given. Jake-motion, Ron-second, all in favor.
3. Synod: The assembly is at Wartburg College June 10-11. Kim will make an announcement at both services Easter Sunday for volunteers to come forward. Names given by council were Monte Waldorf and Mary Mooberry.
4. Ragbrai: Some ideas were given but they do not fall in the guidelines of the state.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 6 pm – Parish Hall

Adjourn: motion – Kathy R., 2nd – Judy H.

St John Finance Board Minutes April 5, 2022

Present: Greig Grimm, Bruce Boerschel, Al Brandau, Karol Carpenter Georgena Miller, Richard Olesen, Ron James Council Representative, Pastor Russ Leeper, Linda Hughes Business Manager.

President Gregg Grimm called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM in the chapel room of the church.

Pastor Leeper opened with a prayer.

Karol Carpenter made a motion to approve the agenda; Al Brandau seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

Bruce Boerschel moved to approve the minutes from the All-Aboard meeting on March 22, 2022. Al Brandau second the motion. Motion Carried.

Bills and Financial Update

Richard Olesen made a motion to have Jeremy Heyer our Edward Jones representative come when he is next available to discuss the current investments for the church. Bruce Boerschel second the motion. Motion Carries. Linda Hughes will call to get this meeting scheduled. Linda reviewed the financials including handing out copies of the latest Edward Jones statement for the board to review before Jeremy meets with Finance Board. Al Brandau made a motion to approve the bills, Richard Olesen second the motion. Motion Carried. Georgena Miller made a motion to approve the Financial Update, Bruce Boerschel second the motion. Motion Carried. Linda Hughes also noted that \$300 from Kan's for Kids was transferred to Wednesday Night suppers to continue paying for the confirmation kids' meal.

Old Business

- A. Discussion concerning the Preschool securing funds from the State of Iowa preschool program. It was decided this is not an issue for the Finance Board and council President Josh Johnson has been working on this.
- B. A sub-committee has been formed through the Building and Grounds Board for the elevator or chair lift for the church.
- C. Karol Carpenter gave an update on the training with Linda Hughes. They will continue to work together on this until Karol is comfortable in knowing the position in Linda's absence when needed. One of the issues is the teaching on the computer is hard for two people to see the screen. Karol will check with Trent Parker to see if the program could be possibly added to another computer without additional cost.
- D. Linda Hughes updated the board that she has visited with Laurie Heidebrink concerning the budget spent being high. They have decided to use funds that are dedicated to the Youth.

New Business

- A. It was questioned whether we need to utilize the church bus in picking up children for Sunday School. It was decided at this time our numbers are very low in attendees and until a need is present, we will not recommend using the bus for Sunday School attendees.
- B. Karol Carpenter made a motion for the Benevolence for this 1st quarter to be given to the following:

North Iowa Food Bank	\$1000.00
Messiah Food Pantry	\$ 500.00
Meals on Wheels	\$ 500.00
Blessing Box @St John	\$ 378.00

Richard Olesen second the motion. Motion Carried.

Pastor Russ had another meeting so there was no Pastor's Report.

The next finance Board meeting will be Tuesday May 10, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel.

Karol Carpenter made a motion to adjourn, Georgena miller second the motion. Motion Carried.

Meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer!

Respectfully Submitted

Karol Carpenter, Finance Board

St John Buildings & Grounds April 5, 2022

Members in attendance: Ana Blickenderfer, Pastor Leeper, Jamie Carolan, Dennis Sande, Paul Van Ausdall, Tyler Kubik, Rusty Rogotzke, Craig Begemann

Welcome at 6:05

Prayer by Pastor Leeper.

Agenda motion to approve by Rusty, second by Ana

Minutes motion to approve by Rusty, second by Paul

Old Business:

Parsonage roof – Reviewed bids and looked at spare bedroom photo. Quade Construction fixed flashing and installed new caulking when they were on site to look at the roof for the bid. Rain since new caulk appears to be working. Ana to fix bedroom drywall. Re-roofing tabled for now.

Spring Cleanup Day – May 14, 9-noon. The group walked around the building after the meeting and looked at various items that may need to be fixed along with current project items.

Tree removal – tabled until May to get more bids

Concrete – Jamie to reach out to DeBoest Concrete about last years bid/quote to find out about timeline, scheduling, and increased costs.

New Business:

Use of building – none

Use of bus – none

Elevator Committee – Looking for volunteers from building and grounds to participate. Meeting prior to council meeting next Tuesday, April 12.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer 6:30 PM

Next Meeting May 3, 2022, at 6pm.

Minutes submitted by Ana Blickenderfer 4/25/22

Board of Deacons, April 10, 2022

Members present - Julie DeBower, Lorie Hoeft, Ryan Venz, Pastor Russ, and Council Rep - Kurt Hoeft.

Pastor Russ said a prayer to open the meeting.

- Melanie will let us know if she needs anything from us for the June 12th service when Pastor Russ is gone to the Synod meeting.
- Deacons are going to use plastic cups for communion on Easter Sunday due to the short turnaround of the services.
- The Deacons will not meet in May but instead Ryan will send out an email to everyone to fill communion positions for June.
- We will evaluate the need to reorder the communion packets as we get close to the end of what we currently have. At this time, we are unsure of how many people are using the communion packets at home.

We said the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorie Hoeft

Family Board, April 16, 2022

Old Business:

1. Lent Event was Sunday, March 6, 2022, at 10am in the Parish Hall. We did the Calvary Hill Planting. Went very well! Thank you!!
2. Ladies' Luncheon was Sunday, March 27, 2022, at 11:00am in the Parish Hall.
 - a. Theme - Water Your Garden
 - b. Food – shredded chicken sandwiches, potato bake, donated desserts, and salads
 - c. Program – ~similarities between gardening and working on relationship with God
 - d. Decorations – flowers, mini gardens, gardening tools, etc.
 - e. There was 125 in 2017, 80 in 2018, 85 in 2019
 - f. Set up at 9:30am on Saturday
 - g. There was 68 women who attended (63 prior to Sunday + 5 bought tickets Sunday) + 6 guys
3. Canoe/Kayak event this summer discussed, will keep discussing

New Business:

1. Board Secretary - TABLED until May meeting
2. Egg Hunt was April 16th at 9am, 26 kids attended
 - a. Candy in eggs for littles, then receive goody bags
 - b. Puzzle eggs for K-5th (who then receive goody bags)
 - c. Egg dye in buckets, pre-boiled eggs

Next meeting May 15, 2022, at 10:30 am in the Fireside Room

St. John Parish Education Minutes, April 3, 2022

1. Sunday School
 - a. Calendar items – kids singing at Easter and on May Day
 - b. Adult Sunday School is seeing about 15 people in attendance on average.
2. After School Program
 - a. Will conclude 2 Wednesdays after Easter Sunday
3. VBS
 - a. Workers for VBS
 - i. Julie will be on vacation – will be unable to help.
 - ii. Rosie Baldus interested in helping with VBS and would be willing to take the week off from work – needs to know dates in order to put time in.
 - iii. Whitney Franke will take preschool kids, likely will have Carleen Lau help her
 - iv. Rae Lynne offered helping with games, Xander will help
 - b. Sign for VBS
 - i. Have had one before, do we want to ask for help having one again from Kans for Kids?
 - ii. Kans for Kids paid for registration for all kids last year. Will that be true again this year?
 1. Do other churches offer VBS for free?
 - iii. Discussed donation board for supplies
 - iv. Workday on June 13th
4. May Day Baskets
 - a. Last day of Sunday School is May 1. Will have May Day Baskets for all Sunday School teachers.
 - b. Counted 14 individuals who assist in SS
 - c. Items included: Popcorn, M&Ms and Charles Theater movie passes
5. Next meeting date: May 1 @ 11am in Fireside room

Youth Board Meeting Minutes, April 10, 2022

Present: Sydney Hinz, Ann Prichard, Brandi Lantz, Kerri Mehmen, Pastor Russ, Laurie Heidebrink, Jessie Holm, Cooper Holm (Youth), Owen Prichard (Youth), Doug Holm (Council)

Old Business

*St. John Youth T-Shirts – Laurie/Sonja working on this

- Sonja said \$10 youth sizes, \$13 S-XL, \$14.50 for XXL+
- Charge \$12 for youth, \$15 for adult sizes
- She'll need at least 2 weeks after we submit orders to her
- Advertising has started for these. There are order forms outside of Laurie's office. Also, Laurie will be sending out an email, and Facebook post that the Youth are selling T-shirts as a fundraiser.

*Bonus Fun Night on 3rd Floor – May 4- who can help? Doug Holm, Cooper Holm, Greg Heidebrink, Josh Dean, Todd Prichard (?)

*Youth Bake sale in the Narthex (our outside - weather permitting) will be June 12th.

*North Dakota Mission Trip

- Completed 6th-12th grade students eligible (and their friends)
- 17 youth signed up so far

*Palm Sunday Breakfast – April 10th, 8-11:30am

- The donations will go into youth individual accounts.
- Scrambled eggs, ham, hash browns, pancakes, cinnamon rolls, juice, coffee, milk
- We served approximately 175.

New Business

*Pastor Russ informed us that the next National Youth Gathering in 2024 will be in New Orleans.

Next Meeting Date: **Sunday, May 1st at 11am** in the Chapel (watch your email, this meeting location may change)

11:50 am, closed meeting with the Lord's Prayer

In Christ,

Jessie Holm, Youth Board Secretary

Stewardship Board, April 12, 2022

PRESENT: Dave Lindaman, Diane Loudermilk, Ina Heitz, Yolanda Van Ausdall, Kathy Waldorf, Council Liaison: Judy Hughes, & Pastor Russ Leeper

Our meeting began with a prayer from Pastor Russ.

- Kans for Kids discussion: Dave collected 48 bags at \$10.00 per bag for the month of March and delivered them to B&S Recycling. It is difficult getting paid by B&S Recycling and are still waiting for the payment.
- A request from Laurie Heidebrink for \$55.00 put towards a Vacation Bible School banner to put outside the church. Yolanda moved to approve this payment and Dave seconded it. A second request for \$325.00 towards Vacation Bible School registration which would be \$5 per child estimating 65 children was submitted. Ina moved to approve the payment and Yolanda seconded it. Both items were approved by all board members.
- Pastor Russ handed out the Time and Talent sheets to go through and revise. This was worked on with more changes to be discussed at next month's meeting.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Our next meeting will be May 17 at 2pm in the Chapel.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Waldorf, Secretary