

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

Church Council Meeting, August 16, 2022

Opening Prayer: Pastor Russ Leeper

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

Agenda: Approved as written: Moved to approve Kurt H., second by Judy H. Motion passed.

Council Minutes: Kurt H. moved to approve last month's minutes; Ron J. seconded. Motion passed

Pastor's Report:

- Thank you for the great celebration and gift for his ordination.
- He has been attending continuing education "Step Up" for supervision.
- He handed out updated God's Love in Action sheet from discussion.

Financial Report: Judy H moved, and Kathy R seconded to approve financial report, motion passed. Linda Hughes has given her resignation notice and her last day will be August 29th. Karol Carpenter will be the Interim until a new hire has been made.

Monthly Benevolence: Charles City School teacher supplies: Approval: Judy H, seconded: Julie B.

150th Committee: October 30th, U2BBQ will cater the meal. Craft fair monies will go to the elevator fund. Janet is requesting all council members to help with this event.

Elevator: Committee has met with engineer and still working on details.

Open Positions: The Executive board is working on filling the Associate Pastor & Business Manager positions.

Adjournment: Kathy R. moved; Judy H. seconded to adjourn

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 13, 6:00 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Watkins**

St John Finance Board Minutes August 9, 2022

Present: Greig Grimm, Bruce Boerschel, Al Brandau, Karol Carpenter, Jeremy Heyer, Ron James Council Representative, Linda Hughes Business Manager

Chairman Greig Grimm opened with a prayer at 5:00 PM in the Narthex of the church due to floors being refinished in the other section of the church.

Linda Hughes asked to remove item #2 from the agenda as it was an offering given by a church member therefore, no decision is needed to investment of funds. Bruce Boerschel made a motion to approve the agenda, Jeremy Heyer second the motion. Motion Carried.

Jeremy Heyer moved to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2022, meeting, Bruce Boerschel second the motion. Motion Carried.

Bills and Financial Update

Linda Hughes presented the bills and financial update, she explained how she is staggering the bills throughout the month, so they keep with the income for the church. She explained how the \$8000.00 donation was for an offering given through a grain check. Also, the check from the Redemption center for the cans that were taken in has now cleared the bank, so the money has been deposited into the Kans for Kids account. Jeremy Heyer moved to approve the financials as well as the July invoices, Al Brandau second the motion. Motion Carries.

New Business

- A. Linda Hughes informed the board the Salvation Army had made a \$750 donation to help fund the gifts in the Blessing Box. Gift cards were purchased so members of the committee can purchase items as needed.
- B. The crosses to be installed out from of the church have been at the painter to finish them and then they will be installed, Linda Hughes will transfer the expenses involved with the crosses from the Sylvester Ameriprise account. This was specified by the family for this need.
- C. Karol Carpenter reported she had visited with Mark Sindlinger who had sent the check from the Marjorie Gardner account. The family intends for it to be used as an Endowment for the church, the principal will remain the \$10,000 however the church will be allowed to use the interest income.
- D. Karol Carpenter reported she had been in contact with Dennis Muyskens from Hogan and Hansen, and they will begin the Policy and Procedure Review when the church is ready. Dennis had sent a list of things that Linda Hughes will be getting together for this review. Karol will contact Dennis and get a date scheduled soon.
- E. Ministry Support Plan, Linda will be sending out to the different boards the expenses incurred year to date for them to start reviewing for next year expenditures and to look ahead at future expenses for the coming year. Finance will then have 3 members go over and review the expenses and put together a Ministry Support Plan from the Finance Board as a recommendation for the year 2023.
- F. Linda Hughes and Jeremy Heyer will be reviewing the current investment and bring back their recommendations at the next Finance meeting. It was suggested to possibly combine all Endowments into one investment since they all must maintain a principal balance, but the church has use of the interest generated.
- G. Church council has requested the Finance Board to decide what fund could be used to cover a gift certificate for Pastor Leeper's 30th anniversary of ordination. It was decided to use the card ministry since that is no longer an active group and has funds remaining. The chairperson of the group instructed the church to use remaining funds at the church's discretion.
- H. No Pastor's Report as he was on a much-needed vacation.

Ron James reported the council had nothing new to report but were awaiting a scheduling for the Policy and Procedures Review.

Next Meeting September 13, 2022, at 5:00 PM at the church.

Al Brandau made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jeremy Heyer second the motion. Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted, Karol Carpenter, Finance Board

Family Board, August 17, 2022

Laurie opened with prayer

Old Business:

- Board Secretary- Tina Marth- thank you!
- Kayak Trip- went well!! 22 people attended & renting from River's Edge Outfitters went well
 - Food- just the right amount
 - Agreed that it should be done again
- Pool day/Picnic- (YMCA or CRC maybe?): Youth Bd suggested doing a winter pool day
 - Discussion about cooperating with Youth Bd again because it worked well

New Business:

- Discussed whether our board wants to add any other Sundays to be in charge of treats after worship
- Rally Sunday- September 18th- PLANNED
 - Games – bubbles and sidewalk chalk
 - Food – Board members will each bring a pan of bars, etc. for fellowship time
 - Registration Table in Narthex
 - Coloring page building up to Rally Sunday

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 14, at 5:00pm (September Sundays not available before Rally Sunday)

Stewardship Board, August 16, 2022

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

Our meeting began with a prayer from Pastor Russ.

Kans for Kids discussion: Dave reported B&S Recycling is closed, we have received about \$300. Jeff Germindson has taken over the Charles City site and will start taking recycled cans next week. We will be receiving \$.4 per can/bottle. The last drop-off was to Cedar River Can Redemption – Nashua, owner is Dave Coons. Two loads were dropped July 27 so we should be receiving around \$800.

Cans for Kids funding was received from Laurie Heidebrink: \$170 for The After School Program; and Confirmation registration of \$10 for 28 students towards curriculum and supplies.

Time and Talents sheets were reviewed. Pastor Russ will take to the designated boards for their review and then the office will mail out to the congregation. A letter will be sent with instructions on when to return the sheet to the church.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Our next meeting will be September 20 at 2pm in the Chapel.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Waldorf, Secretary

St. John Parish Education Minutes, August 14, 2022

Laurie opened with prayer

Old Business

1. Sunday School: SS starts September 25th at 10:05am
 - a. Teachers – we need to find teachers for 3rd/4th and 5th/6th and 7th/8th grade classes.
 - b. Materials - curriculum arrived for fall semester
2. Rally Sunday – September 18th
 - a. will need two tables in Narthex for SS and ASP registration
 - b. *Kans for Kids* paying ASP \$10 fee
 - c. Registration tables – Lisa and Rae Lynne

New Business

1. Confirmation Orientation: September 22nd at 6pm
 - a. Need 3 helpers: Linda and Tammy and _____
2. Curtains – the Sunday School classrooms need new curtains, approximately 50 years old, Laurie will go to Finance Board and ask for permission to replace them once a cost estimate has been figured
3. After School Program: Begins October 5 from 3:30 – 5pm
 - a. Laurie is Director, Kathy Waldorf will assist, list of subs for Kathy, MS & HS helpers
 - b. \$10 per student for 21 sessions paid by *Kans for Kids*
 - c. *Veggie Tales* for this year's videos (per big kid and little kid and helper requests)

Next meeting is Sunday, October 16, at 11:00am in the Fireside Room

Confirmation Sunday is October 9th