

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

Church Council Meeting, December 13, 2022

Opening Prayer: Pastor Russ Leeper

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

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda Kurt Hoeft motion, Judy Hughes second, passed.

Council Minutes: Motion to accept Kurt Hoeft motion, Dennis Sande second, passed.

Mission draft: Pastor handed out the sixth draft of Our Mission. Council members reviewed it with an addition of continued efforts to make the church more handicap accessible. It was recommended this Mission be included at the annual meeting/

Membership: Beverly Trost is transferring back to St. John from Zion Lutheran, Waterloo, IA. Motion to accept transfer, Judy Hughes; second Kathy Rogotzke.

Financial Report: Rhonda Schmidtke was introduced as the new business manager. The report was discussed and motion to approve by Janet Petefish, seconded by Judy Hughes, passed. Janet Petefish suggested closing the anniversary account and moving the balance to the lift fund. Kathy Rogotzke, motioned, Janet Petefish seconded, passed.

Monthly Benevolence: Messiah Food box designated to receive. Motioned by Judy Hughes, second by Janet Petefish, passed.

Board Reports:

Building and Grounds did not meet. The roof project is nearly completed.

Deacons decorated the church for the holidays. They have Christmas Eve services planned with communion. They are working on a special service for January 1st.

Family Board held a 25-cent gift shop. 570 gifts were sold bringing in \$142.15.

Finance board completed the proposed budget for 2023. Georgena Miller has resigned from the board and a replacement will be found to fill her remaining one year.

Parish Ed will host VBS June 26 – 29 and the theme is “Stellar” and will have a space décor.

Stewardship board turned in the Kans for Kids and the total was \$205.00

SJCP didn't have anything to report.

Youth board will host a breakfast during the Annual Meeting. They are planning a weekend stay at Cedar Springs camp in Floyd on February 3 – 5 with other churches.

Nominating Committee: Doug Holm reported they are still looking to fill 2 members for Parish Ed & Youth, 1 for Council, and 1 for Deacons.

Capital Improvements, Lift Project. Huge thank you to Josh Johnson and Julie Begemann for answering questions at the congregational meeting on this. Jamie and Pastor will follow this project to completion along with building & grounds.

Collaborative Learning Program: Doug Holm made the first motion to apply to the synod for student intern program, Julie Begemann seconded. Passed

Annual meeting is set for January 29, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Motion by Kathy Rogotzke, second by Ron James, passed.

Adjournment: Ron James. moved; Doug Holm. seconded to adjourn – motion passed.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

St John Finance Board Minutes December 13, 2022

Present: Bruce Boerschel, Alan Brandau, Karol Carpenter, Ron James Council Representative, Rhonda Schmidtke, Business Manager, Kim Watkins Council Vice President, and Pastor Russ Leeper.

Meeting was called to order by Karol Carpenter in Chairman Greig Grimm absence, at 5:00 PM, in the chapel room at the church.

Pastor Russ Leeper opened with a prayer.

Bruce Boerschel made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of an estimate on asphalt compared to concrete, and a correction of approval of November bills instead of October. Al Brandau second the motion. Motion Carried.

Bruce Boerschel made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2022, meeting, Al Brandau second the motion. Motion Carried.

Bills and Financial Update

Bills and Financials were reviewed, it was noted that the expenditures were in the 92% range with income in the almost 90% range. Overall spending is approximately \$11,179.00 over income at this time. Bruce Boerschel made a motion to approve the payment of the November expenditures and the November Financials. Al Brandau second the motion. Motion Carried.

Business

- A. Georgena Miller has resigned from the Finance Board so the Nomination Committee will seek another volunteer to complete the 1 year remaining for the term. Names were suggested.
- B. Kim Watkins informed the Finance Board the Council had approved the hiring of a Student Intern through the ELCA. There is currently an individual who has met with council and is ready to pursue this internship. The student will continue to attend classes on a full-time status will also be doing an internship an additional 20 hours per week with the church under Pastor's guidance. The candidate would start in February at a suggested salary from the ELCA of \$21,269.00 for 20 hours per week and an additional 6% retirement contribution of \$1206.00. Finance questioned if a mileage expense would be needed as well as a misc. expense account. This position will be for a 2-year commitment until the student finishes classes.
- C. Kim Watkins was questioned on the need for the church kitchen to be certified as Food Safe. She will be meeting with representatives to further explore this option.

Next Meeting January 10, 2023, at 5:00 PM at the church.

Al Brandau made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bruce Boerschel second the motion. Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted

Karol Carpenter

Finance Board

Board of Deacons, December 11, 2022

Members present - Scott Hansen, Kip Hauser, Diane Sande, Ryan Venz, Melanie Johanningmeier, Pastor Russ Leeper, and council liaison, Kurt Hoeft

Meeting was called to order by chair, Ryan Venz. Pastor Russ opened with a prayer.

Thank you to everyone who came on December 3rd to decorate the church. The nominating committee has been provided names to replace Scott and Ryan. Communion cups (200) have been received and we still have gluten free as well.

Julie is still looking for replacement bottles for the at-home communion kits.

As January 1st approaches, we are confirming with Justin Heyer about handling the service. Pastor leaves December 25th, so Justin will need to connect with Pastor prior to this. Melanie was going to reach out to Justin to discuss. We will not be having communion.

New business was then discussed. Ryan is working on lectors for the month of January and are confirmed.

1st – Jeremy Heyer

8th – Diane Jacobson

15th – Whittney Franke

22nd – Jeanne Hansen

29th – Tammy Quade

We will be using plastic communion cups for both Christmas Eve services.

-December 18th:

1) Kip

2) Lorie

3) Julie

4) Scott

-December 24th:

4:00 – Eric J., Scott, Julie, Diane, Mike Tracey, and Carol Brahn

6:30 – Eric J., Ryan, Lorie, Kathy Crooks, Jodi Reetz, and Craig Begemann

-January 1st: No Communion

-January 15th:

1) Kip

2) Lorie

3)

4)

We will need two additional Deacons for January 15th.

In other business, Ryan will prepare the year-end report for the annual meeting. Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 8th at 11:00 AM. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Family Board, December 14, 2022

Laurie opened with prayer

Old Business:

- **25 cent store** held December 4th Proceeds will go to Disaster Relief. Lots of good donations from the congregation. Left-over gifts went to Treasures. \$142.15 total from items sold. Next year make a note to reach out to preschool or other community places to put up flyers.
- **Advent Event** held November 30th – kids had the choice of 3 different versions of Advent wreaths. Each made from cardstock, paper plates or construction paper. Approximately 10 kids participated. Left over items were made into take-home kits. Approximately 60 kits were made up and most of them are gone.
- **Reverse Advent Calendar** – a fun way to give during the Christmas season with a reverse Advent Calendar. A list with food donation suggestions for the congregation to bring for the blessing box. Individuals will review the list and add items from suggested list to bring in December. The suggested list was printed and handed out at the Advent Event on Wednesday.

New Business:

- **New Members** – Jenisha and Sue are going off the board in January. We'll need a board chair & board secretary.
- **Passion Play Trip** – The event was held at the North Heights Lutheran Church near Minneapolis. No website listed on the materials. Laurie will call the church phone number before the next meeting. Individuals will need to register and pay prior to ordering tickets and pay for their spot on the bus. Laurie will call the church Minnesota to see if they are still doing the event.
- **Lent event- February 22nd -(February 26th for lent event)** -plan on doing a multiple generation craft.
- **Ladies Luncheon** – Maybe in March again. Laurie will bring her list of unused ideas.

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Next meeting will be January 11, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Stewardship Board, December 13, 2022

Present: Gaylen Hicok, Dave Lindaman, Diane Loudermilk, Ina Heitz, Kathy Waldorf,
Council Liaison Judy Hughes

Our meeting opened with a prayer by Diane Loudermilk.

The approve request from Laurie Heidebrink of \$90 for pizza for the confirmation fun night in October came to \$107. A motion was made by Ina Heitz to pay the additional \$17 and seconded by Dave Lindaman. It was approved by all.

Dave Lindaman reported \$205 from Kans for Kids was collected since the last meeting. .

Next meeting: January 17, 2023, at 2pm.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Waldorf
Secretary

Youth Board Meeting Minutes, December 11, 2022

Present: Brandi Lantz, Ann Prichard, Lydia Johnson, Jessie Holm, Laurie Heidebrink, Sydney Hinz (Youth), Cooper Holm (Youth), Owen Prichard (Youth), Doug Holm (Council)

Old Business

- ❖ Possible fall and winter youth activities
 - Nerf gun fun
 - 9 Square game
 - Gaga ball
 - Winter Pool Day
 - Tabling until next meeting
- ❖ Confirmation fun night went well

New Business

- ❖ Cedar Springs Camp Retreat February 3rd through 5th
- ❖ \$119 per kid (paintball is \$25 extra), \$59 per adult. We have to have 1 adult per 7 kids.
- ❖ Breakfast during the Annual meeting (need a date for this)

Adjourned at 11:15am.

Next Meeting Date: **Sunday, January 8th at 8am**