

February Minutes 2024

Council & Boards

St John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council meeting minutes

The regular meeting of the Church Council was called to order at 6:00 pm on February 13, 2024 by Kim Watkins.

Present: Pastor Russ Leeper, Shirley Holm, Cherie Schafer, Kurt Hoeft, Janet Petefish, Bev Selvig, Kyle LaBarge, Eric Johanningmeier, Rhonda Schmidtke-Business Manager, Kim Watkins-President and Sarah Kendall-Secretary.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Leeper

Previous month's council minutes: Motion to approve January's minutes: Hoeft/Schafer. All approved.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda: Hoeft/Holm. All approved.

Pastor's report: A request has been made from the following to become members of St John: Logan, Megan, Devony and Drake O'Brien. Motion to approve the aforementioned for membership to St John: Schafer/Petefish. All approved.

A new session of GriefShare is underway and going well. Stephens Minister training will be delayed to the Fall due to scheduling conflicts. The After School Program is going well and has been gaining new students.

Finance: Financial reports were distributed to the council. Motion to approve the financial reports: Holm/Petefish. All approved.

Monthly Benevolence: The benevolence amount for this month is \$987.68. A Wartburg College singing group will be coming to St John in April. Motion to give \$500 of the monthly benevolence to this Wartburg College singing group and the remaining balance of \$487.68 to the St John ELCA Good Gifts fund. Hoeft/Schafer. All approved.

Board reports:

Building and grounds: Motion to approve Don Holm to the Building and Grounds board. Schafer/LaBarge. All approved.

The proposed Caring board: Motion to approve Rhonda Schmidtke to the proposed Caring board: Schafer/Holm. All approved.

Council board liaison positions were assigned as follows: Proposed Caring board- Cherie Schafer, Stewardship board- Bev Selvig, Finance board- Kim Watkins, Deacons-Eric Johanningmeier, Building and Grounds- Kurt Hoeft, Proposed Youth and Family board- Kyle LaBarge, Parish Education- needs liaison.

Constitution and Bylaws: Motion to hold a special meeting of the congregation to vote in regards to adopting the proposed council recommendation of changes to the Constitution and Bylaws on Sunday, March 3, 2024 following church service at 10:15 in the sanctuary: Holm/Petefish. All approved.

St John Mission Goals-God's Love in Action: A copy of the St John mission goals that were approved by the Church Council in December of 2022 were distributed to the council. Kim asked the council members to review this document as it will be discussed at a future meeting.

Next Council Meeting: A special meeting of the congregation to vote in regards to adopting the proposed council recommendation of changes to the Constitution and Bylaws will be held Sunday, March 3, 2024 following church service at 10:15 in the sanctuary. The next regular meeting of the Church Council will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall as part of the St John All Boards meeting.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm: Selvig/Petefish. All approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Kendall-council secretary

St. John Buildings & Grounds February 6, 2024

Members in attendance: All members present—new member Al Brandau

Meeting starts at 6:00 pm

Prayer by Pastor Leeper

Elected Brian Schmidtke for Secretary

Elected Gaylen Hickok for chair

Keeping meeting the first Tuesday at 6:00 pm

Motion by Gaylen, second

Motion to approve minutes Brian, Second Don Tieskotter

Motion to approve agenda, Brian, second Lenis

Set time to replace chandelier bulbs; going to do at 8:00 am Feb. 22.

Motion to order LED bulbs for chandelier and to replace all 4 ft. fluorescent bulbs in Kitchen, hallway, fire side room, and parish hall.

Motion from Lenis, second Brian

Motion to allow girl scouts use third floor lock-in April 5-6

Motion by Lenis, second by Don Holm

(Work Day)

Set meeting for starting list of things to do to the building for Saturday Feb. 17th 8:00 am

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Pastor said a closing prayer

Board of Deacons Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2024

Meeting was called to Order @ 10:24 A.M.

Members in Attendance: Kathy Crooks, Julie DeBower, Brent Hinz, Lorie Hoeft, Wayne McClintock, Pastor Leeper, Melanie Johanningmeier.

Opening Prayer: Julie DeBower

Secretary needed for 2024: Wayne volunteered to be secretary, taking over for Diane Sande who's Deacons term ended in January 24'.

OLD BUSINESS:

We have added to the Communion attendance book, which side of the Church that Pastor is distributing. Necessary to assure that the receiving of Holy Communion throughout the year is equal regardless of where a parishioner is seated.

Special Music:

February 18th – Trinity Choir
February 25th – Kids Choir

Scripture Readers:

February 18th – Tyler Kubik
February 25th – Amy Kubik

Ash Wednesday: February 14th. First Communion for 5th Graders.

Maundy Thursday: 5:30 P.M. Service.

Good Friday: 7:00 P.M. Service

Easter: 8:00 A.M. Service & 10:00 A.M. Service.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scripture Readers for March

March 3rd – Marron Murray
March 10th – Hayden Heyer
March 17th –
March 24th –
March 28th (Maundy Thursday) – A.J. Johnson, Lydia Johnson,
Linda Hughes

March 31th 8:00 _____ 10:00 _____

Communion Assistants: *Indicates Set-up Crew

February 14th (Ash Wednesday) 5th Graders are making bread (substitute for regular Communion Wafers). We are expecting to use extra grape juice.

1. Julie
2. Lorie*
3. Wayne*
4. Beth

February 18th

1. Brent*
2. Lorie*
3. Wayne
4. Beth

March 3rd (Prepare home communion kits with new wine & wafers)

1. Brent*
2. Kathy
3. Julie*
4. Beth

March 17th

1. Brent*
2. Julie
3. Wayne*
4. Beth

March 28th (Maundy Thursday) (Set-up @ 4:30)

Stripping of the Alter.

Change out communion cups to plastic for Easter Services.

1. Kathy*
2. Julie*
3. Lorie
4. Beth

March 31st (Easter)

8:00 (Set-up @ 7:00)

1. Brent*
2. Lorie*
3. Wayne*
4. Beth

10:00

1. Kathy*
2. Julie*
3. Eric J.
4. Brent
5. Beth
6. Kim W.

Next Meeting:

March 17th – During Communion Clean-up

Lord's Prayer

Meeting adjourned @ 11:10 A.M.

St John Lutheran Church Finance Board Meeting:
February 13, 2024

Present: Jeremy Heyer, Ryan Venz, Karol Carpenter, Sharon Tieskotter, Ron James, Brian Watkins, Kim Watkins, Cherie Shaefer council representatives, Rhonda Schmidtke business manager, Pastor Russ Leeper.

Chairman Jeremy called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM, in the fireside room at the church.

Pastor Russ Leeper opened with a prayer.

Sharon Tieskotter made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2024, meeting, Brian Watkins second the motion. Motion Carried.

Ron James made a motion to approve the agenda for the February 13, 2024, meeting, Sharon Tieskotter second the motion. Motion Carried.

Ryan Venz made a motion to approve the disbursements, Karol Carpenter second the motion. Motion Carried. Kim Watkins stated they are reviewing the contract with Hometown Sales and Service.

Old Business

Capital Improvements Projects:

- A. **Narthex Air Conditioner Replacement:** Nothing new to report on the progress of the air conditioner.
- B. **Third Floor Renovation:** A committee has been assigned to assess the third floor and to consider what needs to be done to the area. It is expected there will need to be a few minor projects and funds will need to be secured for the completion of the project.
- C. **Parking Lot Update:** Nothing new to report on the Parking Lot.

New Business:

- A. Ron James made a motion to approve the Financials with Sharon Tieskotter seconding the motion. Motion Carried.
- B. After extensive discussion on possible uses for the Quarterly Benevolence, it was decided to purchase personal hygiene products to be distributed either with the monthly North Iowa Food Distribution or if that option would not be available then St John's could have a drive through to distribute these items. Kim Watkins will be checking with Jen Burton who oversees the monthly distribution. Kim Watkins will secure the needed items.
- C. Ryan Venz made a motion to nominate Jeremy Heyer as Finance Chair, Brian Watkins as Vice Chair and Karol Carpenter as Secretary. Ron James second the motion. Motion Carries.

Council Report:

Kim Watkins passed out the most recent boards reports for the month. Church members will be voting on the revision of both the church constitution and the Bylaws in the future. These have been shared through the church website and the ESkinny.

Ryan Venz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ron James second the motion. Motion Carries. Next meeting will be an All-Aboard meeting with all the church's boards on Thursday March 21 @ 6:00 PM, finance board will meet at 5:30 PM for any other business.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer
Karol Carpenter, Finance Secretary

Parish Ed Meeting Minutes:
Sunday, February 4

NEXT MEETING - Sunday, March 3 at 10:10 AM, SS room 27

Attendance

Tammy Quade
Shannon Venz
Stacey Vance

Dates for upcoming PE events:

Sunday, February 11 - 5th Grade baking communion bread with Laura Walker
(Tammy will purchase groceries and bring to the parish hall this week)

Sunday, February 18 - Lent Event, Calvary Hill project in the Parish Hall 10 AM (5 stations)
(Tammy ordered & received all project materials - still need rock)

Announcements:

- Volunteers needed - Palm Sunday Breakfast - a sign up sheet will be by the fountain
- VBS dates are set - June 10-13 Theme, Scuba Diving Into Friendship With God

New Business/Topics Discussed:

- Discussion took place regarding Parish Ed members monitoring and assisting when needed, PreK Sunday School area. A possible solution would be to contact the parent of the child misbehaving during SS or have the parent stay during the SS hour.
- Identify a list of items needed for VBS, and create donation list
- Determine how many stations/volunteers needed for VBS - started a list of potential volunteers
- Needed, Palm Sunday Breakfast volunteers - (confirmation kids)

Abundant Blessings,
Stacey Vance
641-330-3420

Stewardship Board, February 20, 2024

PRESENT: Kathy Waldorf, Yolanda VanAusdall, Nadonne Busemann, Council Representative Bev Selvig and Council President Kim Watkins

Jeannie Hansen and Tammy Miller are our new members to the board beginning 2024.

There were no requests submitted for funding.

Kans for Kids: Dave Lindaman and Paul VanAusdall, nonmembers of the board, have volunteered to take care of the Kans for Kids. Anyone in the congregation who would like to help with this project please let us know. The balance in the account is now \$2,553. Any amount requested from this account needs to use a Stewardship request form found in the Stewardship mailbox. This form is then given to Rhonda Schmidtke and then when the item is purchased the receipt needs to be given to Rhonda. It was discussed to ask the school system if it would be ok for St. John to collect the cans/bottles after school sports events.

Next meeting will be an All Board meeting in the parish hall on March 21, at 6pm.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Waldorf

Secretary