

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

Church Council Meeting, July 19, 2022

Opening Prayer: Pastor Russ Leeper, Doug Holm, Judy Hughes, Ron James, Julie Begemann, Janet Petefish, Kurt Hoeft, Kim Watkins, Ron Hoffman, & Josh Johnson.

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

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

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Russ set a timer to discuss the homework assignment with the council. The council had been charged with creating some outcomes that would help lead the congregation with the mission, "God's Love in Action. Rather than handing them in yet, a discussion was started concerning some of the ideas that were developed by council members. Council members were asked to bring their completed sheets back to the August/September meetings. A few of the ideas that were brought up were

- liking having a mother and daughter (two different generations) greet at Sunday service,
- more work on handicap accessibility including the chair lift project and adding a project for the parking lot,
- addition of pew cushions,
- bring back the youth group, and
- promote the Wednesday meal to name a few.

Financial Report: The financial information was accepted and there was little discussion as Linda H. was absent. Kim moved and Julie B. seconded to approve financial report, motion passed

Monthly Benevolence: It was decided to use \$300 of this fund for the National Child Safety Council. The rest would go to have Lutheran Services in Iowa for the August Benevolence. Kurt H. made the motion and Dennis S. seconded; motion passed.

Board Reports:

Building and Grounds: we are still waiting on removing ash trees and replacing them. They are also working on a project for removing some curb in the parking lot to make handicap access easier from the lot to the church. The parsonage has a roof leak that will need work and some painting on the parsonage has been done.

Family: Communication was done online concerning the Canoe/Kayak trip down the Cedar River is on July 31. It was reported that they will try to have transportation to the starting point so participants will have their transportation available at the end of the ride

Deacons: No meeting was held.

Finance: OK on all bills. The crosses for the front yard of the church are being finished and they are still working on getting a price for an audit.

Stewardship: The mission trip to North Dakota had enough gas money. We will be using a vendor in Nashua for cashing in our cans. The reverse offering will be July 24. Participants will be asked to bring back their item(s) by the following Sunday and put in the Narthex. Two pickup loads of clothing have been taken to Treasure Chest to help with the cleanup of the clothing room.

Youth: Shirts from the North Dakota mission trip are in. The trip went fine with a few bus issues, but all ended fine. They are now helping with the Canoe/Kayak project.

Pre-School: We will be ready to be part of the statewide program which is free. We will be able to be faith-based early and then not. It was reported that Whitney has worked hard to get us ready for the change. There will be an initial expense for curriculum. At present, we are looking at 12-15 kids.

150th Anniversary Committee: Janet report that a few more things will be put out at the Sunday services in August. She mentioned that they will need help on a few of the future activities. She also asked about selling some thermal mugs with Church logos and photos on them. She asked that the profits go to helping pay for the chair lift project.

Capital Improvements: We are waiting for bids for the chair lift project.

Tree Removal/Memorial: We discussed the possibility of having people give memorials for the new trees that will replace the ash trees that will be removed. It was decided that there would be no plaques and the money for the new trees would come from our present memorial fund. Moved by Kim, second by Julie B., motion passed.

Assistant/Visitation Pastor: The replacement of Pastor Anita was discussed, and it was reported that the synod had been notified. At present, we will get by with substitutes, including Eric Hoefer, and lay people. As the process of finding and replacing will take a considerable amount of time, Council members were asked to think about how to replace, 1/3 time (our present situation), ½ time, or fulltime. We would be deciding this in August or September. Motion Ron J., second Kurt H., motion passed.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be on August 16 as many members would be gone on the regular meeting date. Kim will do meeting notes as Ron H. will be absent.

Adjournment: Kim W. moved; Dennis S. seconded to adjourn

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 16, 6:00 p.m. The meeting place will be stated later as the Parish Hall will not be available.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Ron Hoffman, Council Secretary**

St John Finance Board Minutes July 12, 2022

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

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Greig Grimm at 6:15 PM, in the chapel room at the church.

Jeremy Heyer made a motion to approve the agenda; Karol Carpenter seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

Jeremy Heyer made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2022, meeting: Bruce Boerschel second the motion. Motion Carried. Finance Board did not meet in June so there were no June meeting minutes to approve.

Bills and Financial Update

Linda Hughes presented the bills and financial update. The church is at a 51.95% of income for the year and 51.16% for expenditures. Jeremy Heyer made a motion to approve the July invoices, Bruce Boerschel second the motion. Motion Carries. Al Brandau made a motion to approve the Financials with Jeremy Heyer seconding the motion. Motion Carried.

Business

- A. It was noted that Cherie Shafer has donated to furnish new furniture in the Fireside room. This was a very generous donation as noted by the Finance Board.
- B. Discussed the Lift System and the \$1500.00 fee by the engineer Randall Construction to provide the church with a spec and blueprints for the project along with the cost. Bruce Boerschel suggested we get the additional cost to be able to have the lift go up to the third floor. After much discussion the board

decided to table further discussion until more facts are known as to cost and it would need to be a general membership approval to proceed on with installing a lift.

- C. Linda Hughes presented the board with an estimate of \$5,617.50 for the removal of 4 dead trees on the church east side of the building. The request came from the contractor who will be installing a new roof, the four trees need to be removed for the warranty on the new roof, the trees are already dead so they would need to come down eventually anyway.
- D. God's Work Our Hands is coming up and it is doubtful that any additional funds will be needed for this outreach.
- E. Crosses out front of church from Sylvester donation. Jamie Carolan is waiting for the crosses to be powder coated and then he can go ahead and place in ground at corner of church front.
- F. The Benevolence in the amount of \$2,287.18 was discussed. A motioned by Karol Carpenter to the K9 dog for the local police department. Jeremy Heyer second the motion. Motion Carried.
- G. Ron James reported from the council they would like to have a date set for the audit also known as the Policy and Procedures. Karol Carpenter will check with Hogan Hansen when a date can be set to perform this service.
- H. Regarding the check given from the Marjorie Gardener Endowment Fund, Karol Carpenter will check into it further with Mark Sindlinger as to the intentions of the family regarding the use of the funds. There is question whether it is to be used as an Endowment or as general use for the church.

Next Meeting August 9, 2022, at 5:00 PM at the church.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Karol Carpenter

Finance Board

Stewardship Board, July 19, 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 reported B&S Recycling is closed and the check for \$300+ dollars we received bounced for cans delivered and are still waiting for the payment. We are now going to Cedar River Can Redemption – Nashua. We need to train Stewardship board members on bagging our cans into the larger bags.

Reverse offering is Sunday, July 24 for the Blessing Box. Items will be returned on Sunday, July 31 and put on the kitchen carts for transferring the items to the other end of the building after Jamie gets the hallway floors cleaned.

Time and Talent sheets, we will work on these at next month's meeting.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Our next meeting will be August 16 at 2pm in the Chapel.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Waldorf, Secretary

Youth Board Meeting Minutes, July 10, 2022

Present: Ann Prichard, Jessie Holm, Laurie Heidebrink

Old Business

- St. John Youth T-Shirts: shirts are in the office ready for pickup
- North Dakota Mission Trip: Went well
 - Bus issues - could this be looked into more depth before the next trip? Is there a budget line for the bus repairs/maintenance?

New Business

- Pool day - We are going to table it at the time being due to hectic schedules. We think that maybe a winter pool day to the CRC in Osage or the W in Waverly, or perhaps a fun night at the YMCA in town
- Canoe/Kayak float: We are willing to help Family Board with this event
- Upcoming Confirmation notes:
 - Fun night again in November
 - Food Drive on December 21st
 - Fun event in January (maybe swim @ Osage or Waverly?)

Adjourned at 10:50 am.

Next Meeting Date: **Sunday, August 14th** after service in the Fireside Room