

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

Church Council Meeting, June 14, 2022

Opening Prayer: Pastor Russ Leeper

Present: Pastor Russ Leeper, Doug Holm, Judy Hughes, Ron James, Kathy Rogotzke, Jake Gassman, Julie Begemann, Janet Petefish, Kim Watkins, Ron Hoffman, & Josh Johnson.

Agenda: One item added to the agenda – a celebration for Pastor Leeper’s 30th year since his ordination.

Council Minutes: Kim moved to approve last month’s minutes, Ron J. seconded, motion passed

Pastor’s Report:

- Pastor Russ reported that using or normal 2nd Tuesday for meeting would mean he would miss the next two meetings. A discussion followed with an agreement to meet July 19th at 6:00 pm next month with August 16th as an option for the August meeting. The August meeting will be finalized in July
- Pastor Russ also handed out a summary of the mission goals shared by the council at our May meeting. The council is charged with working on coming up with 1-year and 3-year outcomes for each of those mission goals.

Financial Report: The financial information was accepted, and a discussion of an audit followed. It was decided to work on this at the July meeting. Kathy moved and Kim seconded to approve financial report, motion passed

Monthly Benevolence: It was decided to use this fund for the new effort to display the American flag on Gilbert Street. The local Lions Club is the recipient. The Council also decided to have Lutheran Services in Iowa for the July Benevolence. Ron J made the motion and Kim seconded; motion passed.

Board Reports:

Building and Grounds: has been working on removing ash trees and replacing them. The replacement would cost between \$115 & \$300 for one species.

Family: has been working on planning a kayak trip and a trip to the Passion Play.

Youth: 13 kids have signed up for the North Dakota mission trip and are working with the Family Board on the kayak trip.

150th Anniversary Committee: Pens have been purchased to hand out on Father’s Day, June 19. It was reported that Melanie J. has been working on special music.

Capital Improvements: The discussion continued from last month on the possibility for a lift help with our effort to be handicapped accessible. Julie reported that in order to get an estimate from Randall Construction out of Osage, we would need to approve \$1500 for his work. Julie made the motion, seconded by Judy. Motion passed.

Flags (Lions Club): It was decided to use Lions Club to put American Flags on Gilbert Street at a cost of \$60 per flag for special occasions when the rest of the business areas display them. The congregation will have the opportunity to donate to help with this effort.

Fireside Room: The committee is asking for the couches and chairs to be moved to 3rd floor. Cheri Schafer is donating new furniture as a memorial for this room. More discussion followed concerning other rooms which will be discussed next month.

God’s Work Our Hand: Susan Leeper reported that last September our church had great participation in working at 12 different service opportunities in the community. She also reported that if it was to continue, we need more people to be involved in the planning. The council decided to continue this service to the community and make this a yearly activity. This year the date is scheduled for September 11, 2022. Others will be asked to join a committee to help with the planning of this annual event. The motion was by Jake, seconded by Doug. The motion passed.

Adjournment: Kim moved; Doug seconded to adjourn

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 19, 6:00 p.m.—Parish Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Hoffman, Council Secretary

St John Buildings & Grounds June 7, 2022

Members in attendance: Brian Schmidtke, Paul Van Ausdall, Jamie Carolan, Dennis Sande, Ana Blickenderfer

Agenda motion to approve by Brian, second by Paul

Minutes from April need to be approved as we did not have a meeting in May. Tabled until next meeting.

Old Business:

1. Parsonage roof – There is a new leak in the spare bedroom that is now bubbling the paint on the wall, instead of the ceiling. Plan to remove sheetrock on ceiling portion to get a better view of the underside of the roof.
2. Spring Cleanup Day – went well, plenty of help, didn't take long
3. Tree removal – After discussion and review of bids received Ana made a motion to move forward with the Hinders bid. Seconded by Brian, all approved. Ana to get replacement tree quotes for flowering crabapple trees before the council meeting.
4. Flat Roof prep – In addition to the trees, Jamie is working with Novak electric to prep the a/c units on the roof that will be removed.
5. Concrete – DeBoest has replaced the curb and gutter from the walk door to under the canopy. Sidewalk has not been completed due to the drain issue and the state is looking at fixing/replacing the stoplight at that corner. They have strongly recommended we remove the old approach in this area and put in curbing.
 - a. Note: After the meeting those present, walked out to look at the other items that we should address with the “leftover” bid from DeBoest as he will honor the price given to us last year and is giving us the option to put the sidewalk bid/money to something else. The board has been discussing, for over a year, making the handicap area of the parking lot more user friendly. Last year, it was discussed to remove the large bump out with crabapple tree, near the front handicap parking row, to allow those parking there, to get under the canopy and into the building easier. It would be preferable to put a walk path to directly under the canopy, but a large storm drain makes that difficult. Brian is going to talk to Jeff Lewis about use of a tree spade to relocate the flowering crabapple to a side of the church where we are removing large trees. It was also noted there are several bushes that have died and need to be removed/replaced.

New Business:

1. Use of building – none, use of bus – none, Sanctuary Handicap Seating – tabled until July
2. Kitchen Outlets – Noted at a funeral that power strips and junction boxes need to be replaced on the kitchen island. Novak electric provided a bid, we have asked Jamie to contact more electricians for more bids. Paul to talk to Dennis Petefish.
3. Blueprint PDF – During an elevator committee meeting it was noted by the contractor that our blueprints are extremely good condition and he suggested we have them made into PDF's for long term use and preservation. Paul to reach out to the county engineers office and Ana to reach out to an architect to find out if they can help.
4. Substitute weekend help June 26 – Paul to help open and close building. Ana to do live stream.
5. Window painting on west side – tabled until Craig is present
6. Concrete for crosses – Paul provided information he had put together on frost line penetration for the bases of the crosses. It was noted that the bases had been poured and they appear to have hit the old church foundation in that area when digging the new holes.
7. Crosses – Jamie has the crosses ready; it was decided it would be best to paint and sandblast them before installation. Brian to talk to Todd Gelner about sandblasting and Brian volunteered to paint the crosses as well.

Closed the meeting in the parking lot at 7:15 pm.

Next Meeting July 5, 2022, at 6pm.

Minutes submitted by Ana Blickenderfer 6/8/22

Stewardship Board, June 21, 2022

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

Our meeting began with a Lord's prayer

- A request by Melanie Johanningmeier for a reverse offering that would be used to replenish the Blessing Box. Motion by Ina Heitz, seconded by Yolanda Van Ausdall. Motion passed.
- Diane Loudermilk inquired about supplementing the gas for the mission trip to North Dakota. It was decided to give \$500.00. Discussed with Laurie Heidebrink. Motion by Dave Lindaman, second by Galen Hicok. Motion passed.
- Galen brought up that the pull tabs on pop cans could be pulled off and sold for additional funds. This was discussed with Laurie Heidebrink.
- Dave Lindaman gave a Kans for Kids report. At the present time we are saving cans for the upgrade by the State of Iowa to .03.

Our next meeting will be July 19th at 2pm in the Chapel.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Loudermilk

Youth Board Meeting Minutes, June 12, 2022

Present: Ann Prichard, Michelle Grob, Jessie Holm, Cooper Holm (Youth), Doug Holm (Council), Laurie Heidebrink

Old Business:

1. St. John Youth T-Shirts – Laurie/Sonja working on this
 - a. Sonja said \$10 youth sizes, \$13 S-XL, \$14.50 for XXL+
 - b. Charge \$12 for youth, \$15 for adult sizes
 - c. She'll need at least 2 weeks after we submit orders to her
 - d. Laurie has emailed Sonja but hasn't heard back from her yet.
2. North Dakota Mission Trip: July 5-9, 2022
 - a. Completed 6th-12th grade students eligible (and their friends)
 - b. Thirteen youth signed up so far
 - c. Bake Sale for the Youth Mission Trip: took in \$704 minus expenses, with a total profit of \$570

New Business:

1. Pool Day this summer:
 - a. Ann looked up New Hampton's pool rental information.
 - b. Jessie checked with the Rockwell pool and printed their information (Laurie has).
 - c. Laurie mentioned that the family board is wanting to do an event as well. They meet via email on June 22nd. We asked if we could be involved as well to possibly combine our event all in one.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting Date: **Sunday, July 10th** after service in the Fireside Room