

March Minutes 2024

**Council
&
Boards**

St John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council meeting minutes

The regular meeting of the Church Council was called to order at 6:50 pm on March 21, 2024 by Kim Watkins.

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

Opening Prayer: Pastor Leeper

Previous month's council minutes: Motion to approve February's minutes: Begemann/Holm. All approved.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda: Chase/Schafer. All approved.

Pastor's report: Pastor Russ presented his 2024 vacation request dates. Motion to approve Pastor's requested vacation days: Petefish/Holm. All approved.

A request has been made from the following to become members of St John: Marcus and Jody Faldet. Motion to approve the aforementioned for membership to St John: Schafer/Chase. All approved.

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

Monthly Benevolence: The benevolence amount for this month is \$691.51. There is a sober living house starting up in Charles City called Magdalene's Light. Motion to give the benevolence to Magdalene's Light Sober Living House for Women in Charles City: Johanningmeier/Begemann. All approved.

Board reports:

Council members were given updates on the various boards.

Celebrate Recovery: Celebrate Recovery has inquired about speaking to the congregation regarding their program. Council discussed and Celebrate Recovery will be invited to address the congregation at a future church service.

Open board positions: Positions are still open on the following boards: Council, Deacons and Caring Ministries

Directory, website and brochure: Kim gave an update on the progress in these areas.

100 year church event: A 100 year church celebration meeting will be held on Sunday, April 7th after service.

Next meeting: April 9, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm: Holm/Schafer. All approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Kendall-council secretary

Board of Deacons Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2024

Meeting was called to Order @ 6:19 P.M.

Members in Attendance: Kathy Crooks, Julie DeBower, Brent Hinz, Wayne McClintock, Melanie Johanningmeier, Eric Johanningmeier (Council Liaison)

Opening Prayer: Pastor Leeper

OLD BUSINESS:

Maundy Thursday – March 28th. (Set-Up @ 4:30 p.m. Service @ 5:30 p.m.)

1. Kathy*
2. Julie*
3. Lorie
4. Beth
5. Pastor Leeper

(*Indicates Set-Up)

Alter will be striped @ the end of the service. Kathy will strip the alter items.

Wayne & Brent will help Julie & Lorie in removal of Alter items from the Sanctuary.

After the service, Deacons will change out the glass communion cups with plastic. This will help expedite the Set-Up for Communion on Easter Sunday.

Easter – March 31st.

It was decided that 3 stations would be best for both services.

8:00 A.M. (Set-Up 7:00 A.M.) (*Indicates Set-Up)

1. Brent*
2. Lorie*
3. Wayne*
4. Kathy
5. Eric J.
6. Beth
7. Pastor Leeper

10:00 A.M.

1. Kathy*
2. Julie*
3. Brent
4. Eric J.
5. Kim Watkins
6. Beth
7. Pastor Leeper

No readers needed for Palm Sunday (March 24th) or Good Friday (March 29th).

Easter Scripture Readers:

8:00 A.M.: Ann Prichard 10:00 A.M.: Grace & Sarah Kendall

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor Leeper will be on vacation the first Sunday of June, July & August.

Pastor Bauer has been contacted and plans to Bless the Communion. He plans to give Communion only to Beth & the Deacons. Four Deacons & Beth will be needed to serve Communion to the congregation on those dates.

Wartburg String Ensemble will preform on Sunday April 7th with 18 members.

Communion Servers for April:

April 7th:

1. Brent
2. Lorie*
3. Wayne*
4. Beth
5. Pastor Leeper

April 21st:

1. Brent*
2. Kathy
3. Julie*
4. Beth
5. Pastor Leeper

Scripture Readers:

April 7th: Xander Graeser

April 14th:

April 21st: Bennett Hanson

April 28th:

Next Meeting:

Sunday April 14th in Chapel or Fireside Room

Lord's Prayer

Meeting adjourned @ 7:00 P.M.

Family & Youth Board Meeting

March 21, 2024 – 6:30 pm

After All-Board Meeting

Please see additional documents from All-Board Meeting.

- 1) *Organizational chart of an ELCA Congregation*
- 2) *All Board Meeting Agenda*
- 3) *St John Evangelical Lutheran Church – Mission Sheet*
- 4) *Youth & Family Board Members (needs allot of updating)*
- 5) *Comparison of Youth & Family Ministries Coordinator Vs. Part-Time Pastor*

Members Present : Sue McDonald, Carolyn Marth, Kyle LaBarge & Justin Chase

EASTER EGG HUNT

- We will meet at 4:30pm on Wednesday March 27th to fill bags for Easter Egg Hunt.
- Hunt will be at 9am on Saturday, March 30th.
- Carolyn found the plastic Easter eggs for the little kids, Puzzle challenge for the older kids, tons of crafts and a bunch of cellophane bags to fill. This is all down in Room 6 – in the hallway east of the preschool.
- Candy has been donated, but Carolyn will check with Toni to see how much we have and if we need more.
- On that morning, we will need to do sign up sheets for kids preschool and younger, and then Kindergarten and above. Also will need people there at 8-8:30 to hide eggs and lay out crafts to do.
- Preschool and Younger - There are 300 empty plastic eggs that will be spread out on the floor and “easy” spaces in the choir room in the basement. Divide eggs by number of kids that are searching and have them pick up that number of eggs and turn them in for a goodie bag. (Example – 20 little kids sign up, each needs to find 15 eggs).
- For the Kindergarten and above, eggs will be hidden on the 3rd floor with puzzle pieces in them. Split the kids up into 6 teams. There are puzzles that are in specific-colored eggs that will be hidden on the 3rd floor. For example, Team #1 will search for all the green eggs and will come back down to the parish hall to assemble their puzzle. When their puzzle is done, they can turn it in for their goodie bag.
- There are lots of different Easter & spring crafts that the kids can do – probably just put them out on the table.

LADIES LUNCHEON

- This is set for lunch on Sunday, April 14th at 11:30am – Reservations will be required, a light meal will be provided. Kim Watkins said that she has talked about the specifics with Tina and Pastor Russ. Beth will give the devotional, and the activity will be planting succulents and some trivia. Tables of 8 will be set up (hoping for 8 tables of 8), asking for people to sponsor a table by bringing a decoration and a dessert for their table.

PACK THE PARKING LOT

- This is set for Sunday, April 28th. This would also be the last day of Sunday School. There will be games set up in the parking lot, hamburgers/hot dogs supplied by the church, and potluck type meal.

**Janet Petefish wanted everyone to be aware that there is a planning meeting for the anniversary of the church as a building on Sunday April 4 after church. The anniversary celebration will be in October on Reformation Sunday.

** Looking to do a new church directory – the last one was in fall 2019. If anyone wants to be on the committee for this, let Kim Watkins know.

** Our Youth & Family board needs to update the number of years each member plans to serve for. (1-2 or 3 years) Our list on the board members list was not complete, so the members need to be verified. Also, more members would be appreciated – more members mean the work can be spread out a bit more.

** Men’s event planned for June – something at Tosanak Recreational Area. Smoked meat, kayaking, outdoor activities, etc.

Notes by Carolyn Marth – 03/21/2024

St. John Lutheran Church Finance Board Meeting
March 21, 2024

Present: Brian Watkins, Sharon Tieskotter, Ron James, Ryan Venz, Jeremy Heyer, Pastor Russ Leeper, Rhonda Schmidtke Business Manager and Shirley Holm Council Liaison.

Meeting was called to order at 5:35PM by Chairman Jeremy Heyer.

Pastor Russ opened with a prayer.

Ron James made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2024 meeting. Ryan Venz second the motion. Motion carries.

Ryan Venz made a motion to approve the March 21, 2024 agenda. Ron James second the motion. Motion carries.

Approval of Disbursements: Ron James made a motion to approve the February, March disbursements, Brian Watkins second the motion. Motion carries.

A new microphone will be here on Monday. The cost is: \$460.10, it will come from the Sound account.

Old Business:

1. Capital Projects: The air conditioner was installed and paid for.
2. 3rd Floor Updates: Updates are coming. Possibly a grant from 1st Citizens.
3. Parking Lot: No news.

New Business:

1. Review Monthly Reports: Rhonda Schmidtke reviewed the Financials, Rhonda explained that the after school program is at a negative, as money has been donated, so Sarah is not using her budget yet, Ron James made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, second by Ron James. Motion carried.
2. Quarterly Benevolence: There is an excess of \$1100.35 that was not spent on the bags from the Food Give a Way at the Fairgrounds. A motion was made by Ryan Venz to purchase a bench in the amount of \$600 to be placed at Sportmen's Park in St John's name and the balance to be split between Messiah's Food Pantry and the Blessing Box. Ron James second. Motion carries.
3. Rhonda Schmidtke discussed the possibility of using a different company for a copier. We are currently paying \$270 per month. She is suggesting that we go with Access Systems. Cost is \$237 per month and 7600 copies @ .004 after that. They have service here in town. This would include a new copier.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17th at 5:00PM. The meeting was adjourned, followed by the All a Boards meeting.

Sharon Tieskotter
Finance Board

Parish Ed All Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 21 6:00 PM

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, April 7 at 10:15 AM

(As a reminder, we are going to try to meet the first Sunday of each month at this time)

Attendance:

Beth Hurt
Julie Begaman
Greg Grimm
Whittney Franke
Tammy Quade
Stacy Eckhoff
Stacey Vance

Past Projects:

- * Baking of the bread was a learning for us all, thank you to Laura Walker for sharing time with us and teaching this method to and for the 5th graders first communion.
- * Lent event was a success! Digging in the dirt and learning about Calvary Hill was well received. Much gratitude for those who helped make this project come to life.

Current Events:

- * Reviewed SS dates, we have 5 left to cover for the watch program, thanks to those who have volunteered so far
- * Discussed Recognition at a Sunday service and gifts for Sunday school teachers. We have 11 total.
- * Last day of SS is April 28
- * VBS is June 10-13, Scuba theme, Director is Beth Hurt
- * We will put together a list for donation items soon for the congregation
- * looking for crew member volunteers during VBS, and also a few station leaders

VBS continues to be our main project this time of year, thank you for the wonderful ideas shared on how to make this year's VBS great!

We are very grateful to Beth as she comes with extensive leadership in this area and has fantastic ideas.

Preschool:

- * Whitney shared tidbits on SJ Pre-School.
- * Open house for the preschool will be on May 9 and 10th. Volunteers are needed.
- * April ignites the all school fundraiser
- * The last day of preschool is May 15

Abundant blessings, In HIS name,
Stacey Vance

Stewardship Board Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:19 p.m. by Nadonne Buseman, Chairperson.

Members in attendance: Kathy Waldorf, Yolanda VanAusdall, Sandy Hicks, Bev Selvig (Council Liaison).

Nadonne reviewed with the Board members the original goals of the “Kans for Kids” committee as it was set up or established in 2020. The intent to pay for Wednesday night meals, scholarships for preschool, and help children with trip funding. Amounts should not exceed \$500.

Nadonne suggested as a funding source a “Noisy Bucket campaign”. Which has been done in the past years. Best dates are those Sunday’s where children’s choirs sing. Melanie Johannngmeier provided April 14 as the next time Trinity and the Children’s choir sing. Sandy will notify Toni Hicks to put the information in the church bulletin.

Sunday, April 14, 2024 is also the date for the ladies luncheon. If anyone is interested in hosting a table, please contact Kim Watkins.

Yolanda made a motion and it was seconded by Kathy to hold the Stewardship meetings on the 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 4:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Kim had provided to the Stewardship Board that the total balance of \$3719.66 which included the latest balance of \$626. Sandy questioned how much was needed to keep in the account. It was mentioned that \$525 was needed per week to help pay for meals until May. Yolanda stated that she and her husband have been taking the cans to Nashua.

Janet Petefish stopped by the table and stated that she was on the committee for the 100th anniversary for the Church. She would welcome anyone from the Stewardship Board to attend the next meeting which is on Sunday, April 7, 2024 following the service. If you have questions, you can contact Janet at 641-330-7568 or petefishj@mchsi.com.

The next Stewardship meeting will be Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Sandra Hicks

St. John Buildings & Grounds March 2024

Members in attendance: Jamie, Don T., Brian, Lenis, Russ, Don H., and Gaylen

Meeting starts at 6:00 pm

Prayer by Pastor Leeper

Motion to approve agenda Lenis, second by Don Tieskotter

Moving meeting to 3rd Tuesday every month starting May 21st.

Repaired the parsonage roof in March, Don & Brian replaced parts of the cap and sealed the chimney, seems to have fixed the leak.

Have a bid for parking lot from Jed Construction for cement.

Going to get a bid for black top to compare.

Need to get a survey from the city to know where the property lines are.

Sending the bid to finance for a new vacuum.

New Business

Discussed who to get to cut the new electric latch in the new office door.

Schedule clean-up day for May 18th at 9am to noon.

Brian volunteered to sweep the parking lot with skid loader broom.

Pastor is continuing to mow the parsonage.

Contracting with Romaine Wells for spraying the lawn at the parsonage.

Don H. and Lenis are going to take fire extinguishers to get them inspected.

Going to look at cabinet doors in basement to see how to repair them.

Going to get some wood to make another Easter Cross.

Finding out some history on the bell in the basement and displaying it.

Meeting ended at 7:25pm with the Lord's Prayer