

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
March 13, 2018- 6:05 PM

Present: Jeremy Heyer, Peg Poppen, Brad Bailey, Leonard Erickson, Scott Hansen, John Rima, Shannon Venz, Janet Petefish and Kurt Hoeft. Also present Linda Hughes and Pastor Leeper.

Pastor Leeper opened with prayer.

Leonard Erickson made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2017 meeting and approve the agenda, second by Scott Hansen. Motion passed.

Pastor Leeper led a book discussion from Lasting Impact book on issues we need to address to grow our church.

Old Business

1. Board and Ministry Reports:
 - a. Peg Poppen went to Parish Ed. March is soap month this year, will be planned for February next year. Parish Ed is evaluating how to get the non-churched kids to bible school.
 - b. John Rima attended Stewardship. Bean Bag tournament a success. Kids will try and do the noisy bucket Sunday offering.
 - c. Janet Petefish attended Parish Communications. They have a lot of ideas, working on inserts of what is going on for events (book mark style)
 - d. Personal Committee- Brad Bailey reported the committee had meant to start the process of developing position descriptions, will utilize a bottom up approach.
2. Benevolence for March will go to pay down school lunch debt for needy students. Motion by Brad Baily, second by Shannon Venz. Motion passed.
3. Filing project: Janet Petefish indicated she needed help with the final sorting. Kurt Hoeft volunteered to go through the financial management items for her.
4. Technology Project-Sanctuary sound and video. Scott Hansen reported that the committee will meet this Thursday with Life Line AV to evaluate the present sound system.
5. Security System- Building and Grounds is working on project. The pre-school is a priority.
6. Nancy Heiter replacement on Council. Potential candidates are currently in South for Winter.
7. Cottage Meetings- setting up meetings for April, May, and June

New Business

1. Last Sunday School is April 29th.

Motion to adjourn by John Rima, seconded by Scott Hansen, Motion passed.
Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Kurt Hoeft, Secretary

St. John Finance Board Minutes: Sunday, March 11, 2018

Present: Sarah Murray, Gina McClintock, Karol Carpenter, Linda Hughes (Business Manager), Tammy Quade, Pastor Leeper, Gloria Carr

Karol Carpenter commenced the meeting at 9:00am with a prayer.

Tammy Quade moved to approve the agenda. Gloria Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tammy Quade made a motion to approve the February board minutes. Karol Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bills and Financial Update

Committee members reviewed profit & Loss Support Plan.

Linda Hughes presented the bills and financial update. General discussion held. Gloria Carr moved to approve written and pending checks and items as designated. Karol Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- A. Review/revise Financial board “Calendar” – will review at a later date and revise for 2018 goals.

New Business:

- A. Where do we send 1st quarter thank offering? – requested input from congregation, did not receive any suggestions. Tammy Quade moved to send the Q1 Thank offering to Meals on Wheels (approximately \$1,800). Karol Carpenter seconded motion. Motion carried.
- B. Do we want to put something in newsletter re: 1st quarter financial state of church? Discussion held. Will provide information to the congregation by the end of April.
- C. Order for Designation of 8% Thank Offering (assuming we get suggestions) – Given no suggestions were received from the congregation, nothing to discuss.

Tammy Quade motioned to adjourn, Karol Carpenter seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Sunday, April 22nd at 9am in the Fireside Room

Closed with Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully Submitted, Sarah Murray

St. John Communication Board Minutes
March 25, 2018

Members present: Yung Feng Callen-Liu, Lydia Johnson, Janet Petefish, Julie DeBower, Pastor Leeper

Pastor Leeper opened the meeting in prayer.

- Corrections or additions to the minutes:
 - Janet requested that we add “Needy Fund Ministry” to the brochure.
 - Lydia also recommended we add a colon after 8AM rather than a dash, also put a space after AM and PM.
 - at the bottom of the front of the brochure put St. rather than Saint.
 - Pastor Leeper suggested at the top of the brochure put St. John Lutheran Church and Christian Preschool. Then keep God’s love in Action but put it at the bottom. Remove Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church at the bottom of the picture altogether
 - Pastor Leeper recommended putting our website underneath the title at the top of the brochure
 - Lydia suggested take out podcast online and put www.stjohncharlesciv.org in the same color.

Lydia moved to approve the February minutes. Yung Feng seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- Yung Feng brought up that she feels that our church website needs to be updated. She is willing to do that work to update it. Pastor Russ feels that it would come under the Communications Board realm. He will discuss with staff about resolving this dilemma. Yung Feng will work alongside with Janet.
- Lydia recommended that we as a committee have a small meeting with Justin DeVore, Kathy Hoeft and Laurie Heidebrink. Pastor Leeper suggested a Sunday morning—Julie will invite our committee and the above people for a website meeting only with the communication board members present. We tentatively set this meeting up for 11:20 AM in the Chapel on April 15th. Since the meeting Janet P has passed along that is the first cottage meet and greet visit with members. It was recommended having it after the group visit. Julie will visit with Pastor Leeper and get his opinion and let other board members know of the specific time.

Lydia will start a Googledocs for recommendations on what we want to discuss at this meeting.

Business

1. Pastor Leeper reported that the technology committee is resurrected, and Lifeline AV has come and talked to this committee and they are moving forward with items.
2. We are not sure of the present status of the network closet with Linda’s office. Hopefully Brad will have an update on this in April. Julie will check with Linda if there has been any progress.
3. Next month’s meeting we will make the **FINAL** decision about the brochure and get it printed. If Brad wouldn’t mind making our above changes to the brochure before the next meeting.
4. Julie will contact the KCHA radio station and CC Press concerning information about radio broadcasts and services to put in the paper for our church.
5. Yung Feng recommended a bookmark be made with information about our church and be laminated and given to congregation members. She recommended having preschool children make a design to put on it or other people in the congregation along with a Bible verse.
6. We brought up from last meeting about the digital sign. Pastor Leeper feels that it will be very expensive. Brad will have more information about the sign from Nagle sign company at April meeting.
7. We discussed the ministry for 20 and 30-year-old people. Linda and Julie will be discussing suggestions. Pastor Leeper felt that it might not be a Communications Board activity, but possibly be another committee group to take on that activity. Pastor Leeper would like to assist and Lydia will also help in the beginning discussions.
8. Pastor Leeper would like to discuss procedures that are in place or that are needed for new members with the Church council. So, the questions that we asked at last month’s meeting we will postpone until we hear from him.

9. Janet discussed that our committee used to be in charge of the church picture directory. She wondered if that was still the case. Pastor Leeper felt that he could see that project under our committee.
10. Lydia recommended that she feels we need to do Facebook events posted with our upcoming church's activities. Pastor Leeper asked Lydia if she would be interested in posting events of our church. She is more than willing to do this! Pastor Leeper will also check about utilizing Twitter as well. Lydia asked if Pastor Leeper has done a Facebook Live service and he said he had done that before in another church.

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 22nd at 11:20 AM in the Chapel.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie DeBower
Communication Board Secretary

Board of Deacons March 4, 2018

Present: Angie Ayers, Kendra Buenger, Marlene Holthaus, Joyce Boehmer, Jodi Reetz, Mike Tracey, Church Council rep., Kathy Crooks, Melanie Johanningmeier, and Pastor Russ

The meeting opened with The Lord's Prayer.

Old Business:

- ✓ An updated Deacon substitute list was distributed to all board members.
- ✓ One worship service will be held on Wednesday, March 14th at 5:30.

New Business:

1. Sunday, March 18th servers will be Angie, Kendra, and Mike at the 8:00 service. Joyce, Marlene, and Jodi will serve at the 10:15.
2. Maundy Thursday, March 29th, the 4:30 Angie, Mike, and Kendra will attend service. Servers for the 6:15 service will be Joyce, Marlene, and Jodi. Black robes will be worn at both services. Pastor will be implementing some changes to the service. We will commune around the railing at the altar. For those unable to climb stairs a separate station will be in the first pew on the pulpit side of the church. Ushers will be needed to help with the flow of parishioners to the railing. Joyce will contact the head usher. Three readers will be needed at each service. The Deacons will be contacting people to fill the positions.
3. Angie, Kendra, and Joyce will meet at 9:00 AM on Saturday, March 31st to fill wine into the plastic communion cups for Easter Sunday.
4. Easter Sunday, April 1st, we will be serving communion at each worship service. Two stations will be set up for the 6:30 and 9:30 services, and three stations will be set up for the 8:00 worship.
 - a. 6:30 service - Eric Johanningmeier, Erik Hofer, and Becky Meyer
 - b. 8:00 service - Angie, Kendra, Jodi, Eric J., and Erik H.
 - c. 9:30 service - Marlene, Joyce, and a substitute for Jodi

The meeting closed with a prayer by Pastor Russ.

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 9:15 AM. This is the second Sunday of April due to Easter falling on the 1st of April.

Respectfully submitted,
Kendra Buenger

Stewardship Board
March 12, 2018

Present: Ryan Venz, Kay Tjaden, Betty Manning, Josh Johnson, Julie Begemann

The meeting was called to order by Ryan Venz

Old Business:

1. Bean Bag Tournament: There was a very good turnout, with many young people teaming up with parents, grandparents.
 - a. Raised \$560.00, the proceeds will go towards Bible Camp Scholarships.
 - b. Good food and fellowship made for a good time.
 - c. Ryan will do a follow-up with Thrivent, who generously supports our mission.
2. Noisy Bucket Sunday: Sunday, April 8th at both services. We will advertise in the newsletter/bulletin. Proceeds will go towards Bible Camp Scholarships.
3. April is World Hunger Campaign. Our board has held a fundraiser in the past. We have decided to forgo an event this year but will reconsider for next year.
4. Next fundraiser: Golf Tournament in August.

Next meeting: April 8th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside room.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Julie Begemann

St. John Parish Education Minutes
March 4, 201

Present: Jessie Holm, Sara Kendall, Lisa Kreger, JoAnn Hervert, Marcia Devore, Laurie Heidebrink, and Peg Poppen (Council Liaison)

Old Business:

1. Sunday School:
 - a. Teachers -- All classes covered, 4th grade would like a co-teacher. Have been using subs.
 - b. Calendar -- March is soap month, March 11th and 18th NO SS-- spring break, PreK-2nd SS sings April 8th.
 - i. Next year will move soap month to February since March is a short month with two Sundays with no SS classes.
2. VBS:
 - a. VBS will be July 31st - August 3, 2018 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. VBS will sing that following Sunday. Supplies are here. We talked about how to get more kids who may not be members of St. Johns to come to VBS. Ideas were passing out fliers at the 4th of July Kiddie Parade and/or running a game with advertising for VBS decorating booth as Shipwrecked themed. Photo booth? Bring any other ideas to the April meeting. Also, if we get more kids to come do we need to order more supplies now? Right now, we are planning on 90 kids.
 - b. Palms: Will be ordered this week. Pastor Russ would like to have enough palms to pass out to the congregation also. Waiting on pricing for ordering extra palms.

New Business:

Teacher Thank-you gifts for April 29th. Bring gift ideas to our next meeting.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting falls on April 1st which is Easter. We will do a meeting via email for April.

Family Board Meeting Notes
March 7, 2018

Old Business:

1. The EWOK event was held Friday March 2, 2018 from 5:30-8:30. At the event children had supper, a movie, crafts, games while their parents enjoyed an evening out. The event went well. There were lots of older kids who volunteered to help with the younger children. We discussed how we would advertise better than there is supper furnished.
2. Sunday February 18th from 9-10 we had a Lent Event. The Lent in a Bag activity went very well. It was nice to have all the Sunday School teachers and small groups for management.

New Business:

1. The Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for Saturday March 31 @ 9am. Preschool kids will hunt for eggs in the choir room as we have done before. Kindergarten through 5th grade kids will have a scavenger hunt upstairs and then will receive a goody bag. There will also be eggs to dye and crafts. Goody bags will be prepared Friday March 30th at 10am.
2. A Ladies Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday April 29 @11:30. The theme will be "Sea-Side Retreat". A light lunch will be served. Program ideas were discussed: Gilligan's Island skit, hand/foot scrub presentation, HS group, a child reading a sand dollar story, etc. We also discussed having door prizes and using a "Left/Right story" to do this.

Meeting ended with the Lord's prayer.

Next meeting is April 11, 2018 @ 5:15 in the Fireside Room.

Youth Board Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2018

Old Business:

1. ELCA Youth Gathering - Houston, TX, June 27-July 1, 2018
 - a. Registered Pastor Russ, Laurie, and 3 youth at Early Bird price
 - b. Travelling with St. John's Lutheran in Nashua
2. Waterloo Black Hawks Hockey game – April 6, 20 tickets reserved, Charlie Edson is driving
3. Fundraiser for Gathering Trip to Houston – The Envelope, Please... is going very well
4. 6th-8th mission trip will be to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin July 5th-8th

New Business

1. Palm Sunday Breakfast
 - a. Proceeds will go into individual accounts of those working
 - b. Same menu as past Easter Breakfasts
 - c. Workers split into three shifts
 - d. Lynne and Laurie will work 1st shift
 - e. Sue and Laurie will work 2nd shift
 - f. Laurie will work 3rd shift, hopefully one of our absent members can help, Laurie will ask after Spring Break
2. WIYLDE – June 10-13, 2018
3. Lock-In – April 14-15, 6:30pm-8am, Luther College outreach team will prepare programming and lead this event, Laurie and Rhonda will supervise

Next Meeting Date: **Sunday, April 8, 11:20am in the Fireside Room**