

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

Church Council Meeting, October 18, 2022

Opening Prayer: Pastor Russ Leeper

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda as written by Kathy R., second by Julie B. - motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Leeper reported on some positive things happening at St John.

- Sunday school numbers are up.
- Josh and Lydia Johnson have started a youth group that meets after church on Sundays

We are averaging over 120 **Present:** Pastor Russ Leeper, Judy Hughes, Ron James, Julie Begemann, Kathy Rogotzke, Jake Gassman, Janet Petefish, Kurt Hoeft, Ron Hoffman, Karol Carpenter, Josh Johnson, Doug Holm, Kim Watkins & Dennis Sande

- watching the online church service
- Confirmation had 100% in attendance.
- "Our Mission" document is getting closer to completion

Financial Report: The financial information was accepted there was a discussion about filling the position that Karol C. has been filling as an interim replacement. We are currently advertising to fill this position. Motion to accept by Judy H., second by Dennis S. – motion passed.

Monthly Benevolence: It was decided to provide Coats for Kids program from the church the October Benevolence. Doug H. made the motion and Ron J. seconded - motion passed.

Board Reports:

Building and Grounds: The Lift Project is waiting for bids. The crosses have been installed on the front lawn and work at the parsonage has been done.

Family: Will meet next Wednesday

Deacons: Will be having workshop meeting soon. Also, the church will be decorated for Christmas on December 3 at 9:00 AM. Assignments for communion were also assigned.

Finance: Discussed the budget and sending benevolence to the schools.

Youth: Talked about possible activities for this year including a pool day. Also discussed talking with Johnson's about what their group is working on.

Parish: Meets next Sunday

Stewardship: Sent out the "Time and Talents" form to families. They are working on a method for returning the forms.

Pre-School: Reported receiving a grant for \$26,000.

150th Anniversary Committee: Janet reported around 270 people have signed up for the meal on October 30. It was decided that we would set up tables in the basement as well as parish hall. Silent auction items will be out at church next week for people to start bidding. They will be meeting October 20 to finalize things.

Capital Improvements: We are waiting for a second electrical quote and have asked for a "ballpark" figure from Dave Randal as we wait for a price from the architect. We are also writing grants to help with the cost.

Nominating Committee: It is time to start nominating new people to serve on committees. This committee needs to have two people from the church council on the committee. Doug H and Josh J. agreed to serve on this committee. Each board will be contacted to give input on who should be asked to join committees. Motion by Kathy R. seconded by Ron J. – motion passed.

Assistant/Visitation Pastor: Pastor Leeper reported on a recent discussion with a person from the Synod. There are currently 33 churches who are looking for full-time pastors and there are no people currently looking for part-time work. There is a program, currently available for collaborative learning where a person working on becoming a pastor and/or church leader takes online and night classes while working part-time in a church. There is a possibility that St John could be one of the "Teaching Congregations." We are asking Steve Brackett, from the Synod to attend the next council meeting to explain more and answer questions.

Adjournment: Kurt H. moved; Kim w. seconded to adjourn – motion passed.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on November 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Hoffman, Council Secretary

St John Finance Board Minutes October 18, 2022

Present: Greig Grimm, Bruce Boerschel, Karol Carpenter, Jeremy Heyer, Georgena Miller, and Pastor Russ Leeper. Karol Carpenter is also in the role of interim Business Manager.

Pastor Russ Leeper opened with a prayer at 5:00 PM in the chapel Room of the church.

Karol Carpenter made a motion to approve the agenda, Georgena Miller second the motion. Motion Carried.

Jeremy Heyer made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2022, meeting, Bruce Boerschel second the motion. Motion Carried.

Bills and Financial Update

Karol Carpenter presented the bills and financial update; the church is holding in a comfortable position with the expenses and the generous giving from the congregation. Bruce Boerschel Made a motion to approve the Financials, Jeremy Heyer second the motion. Motion Carried.

The Ministry Support Plan was discussed and the committee of Bruce Boerschel, Jeremy Heyer, Greig Grimm and Karol Carpenter will be meeting November 1, 2022 @ 5:00 PM to continue the process of determining the budget. Tammy Quade from the Parish Education committee was present to ask for an increase to their budget for Vacation Bible School. In the past they had been receiving \$1400.00 for this program but in recent years has been cut to \$700. Finance will review their request for \$1200 for bible school.

The quarterly giving from the Finance Board was discussed. The amount of \$1972.73 will be sent to the school district to assist with the clothing needs for students. Bruce Boerschel made a motion to send to the school, Jeremy Heyer second the motion. Motion did not carry unanimous as one member did not approve of the suggestion.

A new finance Program was decided to be a decision of the Church Council.

Karol Carpenter suggested that the MSP may need to include a line item of kitchen utensils to replace items in the kitchen used for funerals or Wednesday night suppers. Committee will discuss this at their meeting.

Pastor had no report.

Ron James was not present to present a council report.

Next meeting will be November 8, 2022, at 5:00 PM in the chapel.

Motion to adjourn was made by Karol Carpenter, Jeremy Heyer second the motion.

Karol Carpenter then reported she had forgot an item that needed to be discussed. The bank currently has a \$90,000 Endowment that is held at First Citizens Bank and has an exceptionally low return on that investment. Karol suggested we purchase a 12 month and a 24-month CD with the funds. Cd rates were discussed. Bruce Boerschel made a motion to go ahead and invest in a 12-month CD rate with the thought the interest rates will be increasing, hence raising the current rate. Jeremy Heyer second the motion. Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted

Karol Carpenter
Finance Secretary

St. John Buildings & Grounds October 4, 2022

Members in attendance: Brian Schmidtke, Craig Begemann, Tyler Kubik, Jaime Carolan, and Dennis Sande

Welcome

Sub to take minutes for Ana: Tyler volunteered.

Prayer – led by Craig

Agenda - all approved; Approve Minutes: Motion – Tyler, Second – Brian. All approved.

Old Business

1. Cement – Pad for bench: Will wait until spring to remove tree and do the concrete work when DeBoest is working on the parking lot/sidewalks.
2. Install crosses: Plan is to install the crosses in front of church on Wednesday, Oct. 12th at 6:00 pm.
3. Stumps from trees that were removed: Stumps were ground between 10/4 – 10/6 this week.
4. Parsonage: Craig and Jaime filled in the walkway area where the concrete was removed in front of the parsonage with a load of dirt.

New Business

1. Parsonage and Church lawn: Pastor noted that there are a lot of weeds in the grass at the parsonage. It has been a while since it's been sprayed. Jaime said Romaine's has done it in the past as a donation to the church. Craig will contact him to see if he is willing to do that again. If not, Brian made a motion to hire Romaine's to spray and fertilize the lawn at the parsonage and church. Craig seconded. All approved.
2. Use of Building
 - a. Foster Grandparents, Nov. 1st, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm: Motion-Brian; Second-Craig. All approved
 - b. Birthday Party, Chris Hoeft, Parish Hall Oct. 23rd 11:00 am – 2:00 pm: Motion-Craig; Second-Brian. All approved.
3. Use of Bus – None.
4. Faucets & Garbage Disposal – Kitchen Sinks:
 - a. A request has been made to upgrade a sink in the kitchen with a bigger faucet and garbage disposal. This will aid with clean up after serving meals. After some discussion, the board requested that Jaime get some approx. costs for the faucet and garbage disposal, and report back at the meeting next month. Jaime also noted that an electrical line will need to be ran to the sink for the garbage disposal. There is other electrical work that needs to be done in the kitchen, so this could all be done at the same time.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm after the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: November 1, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the church.

Stewardship Board, October 25, 2022

Present: Gaylen Hicok, Dave Lindaman, Judy Hughes, Diane Loudermilk, Ina Heitz, Kathy Waldorf,
Pastor Russ Leeper

Our meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Russ.

We had 2 requests from Laurie Heidebrink: \$90 for pizza for confirmation; \$90 for confirmation fun night prizes. Ina Heitz made a motion to approve these expenses and Galen Hicok 2nd, it was approved by all.

Dave Lindaman reported there were deposits of \$320, \$245, and \$300 which should give us a total of \$5,247.12. It was discussed expanding the cage to make room for a work area. This idea was tabled till spring of 2023. A suggestion for giving money to the youth when they go to the National Youth Gathering in 2024.

Time and Talent sheets will be returned October 30, there will be baskets at the doors for people to drop them off and then the ushers will bring them up with the offering. When we get-together for our meeting on November 15 we will go through and get the names ready for the appropriate boards.

Next meeting: November 15, 2022, at 2pm.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Waldorf

Secretary

Youth Board Meeting Minutes, October 16, 2022

Present: Brandi Lantz, Sydney Hinz, Jessie Holm, Doug Holm (Council), Laurie Heidebrink

Old Business

- ❖ Possible fall and winter youth activities: We are leaving this on here so that we can add any ideas if we come up with some
- ❖ Winter Pool Day: Possible ideas: CRC in Osage, or the "W" in Waverly. Perhaps plan this for some time in February

New Business

- ❖ Confirmation "special" night - November 16th
- ❖ There are 29 confirmation kids this year. We are planning a bean bag tournament for the fun night. We will also plan for board games, and possibly Pizza Hut pizza for the kids. We will also have prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places. We will draw teams when the kids arrive.
- ❖ Youth Hour Update: It is going well
- ❖ Other: Brandi reported Coats for Kids is out of money
 - Is there anything we can do as a board to help raise funds for them? Possible idea is a bake sale around Valentine's Day.
 - Another idea is maybe Coats for Kids could put together an Amazon Wish List

Adjourned at 11:55 am.

Next Meeting Date: **Sunday, November 13th** at 11am in the Fireside Room