

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

Church Council Meeting, September 13, 2022

Opening Prayer: Pastor Russ Leeper

Present: Pastor Russ Leeper, Judy Hughes, Ron James, Julie Begemann, Kathy Rogotzke, Jake Gassman, Janet Petefish, Kurt Hoeft, Ron Hoffman, & Josh Johnson. Not in Attendance: Doug Holm, Kim Watkins & Dennis Sande

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

Council Minutes: Kurt H. moved to approve last month's minutes; Julie B. seconded - motion passed

Pastor's Report:

God's Work, Our Hands was a big success last Sunday. Many positive comments from Council followed.

Pastor Russ also brought up the need for a new defibrillator in the church. The Council discussed replacing the old one using money from the Memorial Fund.

Kurt H. moved and Ron J. seconded to provide up to \$2000 from the Memorial Fund to purchase a new Defibrillator. Motion was passed by the Council

Pastor Russ talked about the 4th Draft of "Our Mission. We discussed the area titled "Extending care to our community through service and compassion" Some of the items offered as possible additions to this area are

1. God's Work, Our Hands,
2. Blessing Box,
3. Benevolence Fund and
4. Helping Hands Outreach. He encouraged everyone to send other ideas to him.

Financial Report: The financial information was accepted and there was a little discussion concerning the Benevolence Fund. Judy H. moved and Kathy R. seconded to approve financial report - motion passed

Monthly Benevolence: It was decided to provide Messiah Jordan River Food Pantry the funds for the September Benevolence. Kurt H. made the motion and Kathy R. seconded - motion passed.

Board Reports:

- **Building and Grounds:** The big item for this committee was the Lift Project. It will be necessary to spend more money on plans for the project, including getting information from an architect before we proceed.
 - **Family:** Discussed the success of the Canoe/Kayak trip down the Cedar River is on July 31. They also discussed upcoming projects.
 - **Deacons:** No meeting was held.
 - **Finance:** Discussed the upcoming (September 21, 2022) Policy & Procedures review.
 - **Other Committees:** Either had no report or will be meeting next week and therefore had no new information
1. **150th Anniversary Committee:** Janet reported that her committee is gathering items for a silent auction in October. The proceeds would go the Lift Fund. She mentioned that they will need help on a few of the future activities. The Council stated they will be available, and she will get back to us on what is specifically needed.
 2. **Capital Improvements:** Dave Randle, the person we have asked to help us with the plan and execution of the plan, stated that we will need to get advice from an architect to proceed with the Lift Project. This will add to the original cost. It was moved by Ron J. to provide up to \$4000 to get this advice, seconded by Julie B. – motion passed.
 3. **Interim Business Manager:** Kurt H. moved to approve Karol Carpenter as Interim Business Manager at the same salary as the preceding manager, seconded by Judy H. – motion passed.

4. **Assistant/Visitation Pastor:** The discussion was about next steps. It was moved by Kathy R. to notify the Synod that we would like to proceed with hiring a ¼ to ½ time pastor, seconded by Julie B. – motion passed. It was also discussed that we will need to start working on ways to include lay people to help with duties as soon as possible.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be on October 18, 2022, as many members would be gone on the regular meeting date.

Adjournment: Judy H. moved; Kathy R. seconded to adjourn – motion passed.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 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

Board of Deacons, April 10, 2022

Members present - Julie DeBower, Lorie Hoelt, Diane Sande, Ryan Venz, Melanie Johanningmeier, and Pastor Russ Leeper

Ryan called the meeting to order.

Pastor Russ started the meeting with a prayer.

In Old Business - Ryan has readers for the following months: September, October, and November.

New Business:

- We filled the communion positions for Sept. 18, October 2, October 16, 2022.
- Confirmed the times for Christmas Eve church services - 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- We also discussed the budget, and we had some questions about some items on our budget.
- **Other Business:** Pastor Russ told us that he will be gone Jan. 1, 2023. We will not have communion this Sunday. Justin Heyer was contacted about doing the service and he said he would.

The next Deacon's meeting will be on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Lorie Hoelt

Youth Board Meeting Minutes, September 25, 2022

Present: Brandi Lantz, Ann Prichard, Sydney Hinz, Laurie Heidebrink

Old Business

- Discussed possible fall and winter youth activities – ex) ski trips and lock-ins done in the past.
- Planning to communicate with Johnsons about what the youth mention during Youth Hour
- Winter pool day – tabled until meeting that has more members present

New Business

- Ministry Support Plan – discussed amount currently designated, amount needed, amount we will ask for. Ann will communicate with Greig Grimm that the board feels we need \$500.
- No other new business at this time

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, October 16, at 11am in the Fireside Room

Family Board, September 14, 2022

Laurie opened with prayer

Old Business:

- Rally Sunday – September 18th
 - Activities: Bubbles and sidewalk chalk, Laurie will put in Narthex
 - Family board- help with chalk and bubbles while parents sign up for Sunday School
 - Food – provided by a family who signed up for treats
 - Registration- in the Narthex with the help of Parish Ed
 - Coloring pages have been set out to build up Rally Sunday – open to all ages.

New Business:

1. Treats- sign-up additional Sundays to help with treats. Sign-up in the narthex.
2. 2023 Ministry Support Plan (Budget) discussed budget for 2023. Starting the planning process earlier for next year. Jenisha will discuss our budget with Greg. Plan to keep the same amount as last year.
3. 25 cent Store. Date set for December 4th at 11:00-12:30. Set up at 8:00 am, we'll offering gift wrapping and open to the public. Donations start to come in soon. Money will go to Disaster Relief. Need to make a plan for left over items.
4. Advent Event- discussed having an event to mark the beginning of Advent. Decided to provide Facebook posts with craft ideas for parents to do during this season. Family board members come up with craft ideas to present at next meeting.

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting –Next Meeting Scheduled for Sunday, October 16th at 11:00.

Stewardship Board, September 20, 2022

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

Our meeting began with a prayer from Pastor Russ.

Laurie Heidebrink notified us that she has over \$200 left over from last year for the Wednesday night youth meals, she will let us know when they are in need. Laurie did request \$100 towards snacks for the 7-12 grade Sunday youth hours. A motion was made by Galen Hicok and seconded by Kathy Waldorf to approve this funding.

Consecration Sunday: we are budgeting \$3,000 towards the meal. A motion was made by Dave Lindaman and seconded by Yolanda Van Ausdall to approve this funding.

Kans for Kids discussion: Dave reported he is taking the cans to Jeff Germondson at the Charles City recycling site . Our balance on August 22, 2022, was \$3,107.72, he finally collected on past can deliveries as far back as July 13. He received \$835.40 from Nashua and \$359.00 from Charles City which makes a total of \$1,194.40. Then another 8 bags were taken and received \$80 which gives us a grand total of \$4,382.12. We can start using big black bags, we don't need to put into the bigger bags. The Charles City Redemption Center is now open Monday thru Thursday when Dave checked on Sept. 12. The Redemption Center did not want any cans, he was too full. Dave will check again Sept. 14. Our inventory in the cage is maybe 12 bags.

Time and Talents sheets were reviewed. A suggestion was made to add statement "to call or email the church office with any question." The Stewardship Board will help in mailing them out on October 11 at 10am. We are asking that everyone bring their sheet to the 150th Anniversary celebration on October 30th or return to the church office.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Our next meeting will be October 25 at 2pm in the Chapel.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Waldorf, Secretary

St John Finance Board Minutes September 13, 2022

Present: Greig Grimm, Bruce Boerschel, Karol Carpenter, Ron James Council Representative, 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.

Ron James asked to remove the Blessing Box line item as this does not pertain to the responsibilities of the Finance Board. There is a separate committee for this project. Bruce Boerschel made a motion to approve the agenda, Karol Carpenter second the motion. Motion Carried.

Bruce Boerschel moved to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2022, meeting, Karol Carpenter 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, Greig Grimm second the motion. Motion Carries.

President Greig Grimm asked for volunteers to coordinate the budget for the 2023 church year. Bruce Boerschel and Greig Grimm volunteered. They will call Jeremy Heyer to check with him about being the third person for the committee. Bruce moved to approve these three individuals, Greig Grimm second the motion. Motion Carries.

President Greig Grimm reported that the proceeds from the 150th celebration craft fair and the remaining funds from the celebration will be given to the Lift Fund at the church.

New Business

- A. Pastor Russ reported the God's Work Our Hands Sunday was successful with participants and with volunteers. Linda Hughes informed the board the Salvation Army had made a \$750 donation to help fund the gifts in the Blessing Box. Gift cards were purchased so members of the committee can purchase items as needed.
- B. Ron James reported for Church Council they are working on numerous things at this time including the decision of replacement for the visitation Pastor.
- C. Karol Carpenter reported the Policy and Procedures review will be September 21, 2022, with Hogan and Hansen Accounting.

Next Meeting October 11, 2022, at 5:00 PM at the church.

Bruce Boerschel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Karol Carpenter second the motion. Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted
Karol Carpenter
Finance Board