

Spring Lake Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
May 9th, 2023  
In Person/St John's Lutheran

**Present:** Dale Place, Kay Place, Jessica Hanson, Trudy Rew, Kim Davis, Duey Davis, Ray Dohm, Cindy Jensen, Pastor Bob Friese

**Call to Order:**

President Dale Place called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Agenda:**

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented, by Jessica Hanson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duey Davis, Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:**

\*Pastor Bob Friese provided opening prayer. He also provided a copy of his Pastor's report and reviewed with council.

\*Pastor Friese will continue as Bridge Pastor until end of December. \*Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> is High School Senior Sunday, last day of Sunday School, Recognition of Education Ministers, and Mother's Day. Will there be gift cards?

\*Confirmation Sunday is October 29, and All Saints Sunday will be November 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*Pastor Bob Friese questioned if there is a Worship Committee at each church. Who will be the point person for the outdoor Sunday Worship that will take place on the last Sunday's in June, July, and August.

\*Next fall all churches should use the same curriculum to give the students consistency. Who recruits Sunday School teachers? If no new Sunday School teachers are found will the current come back and use the same curriculum.

\*How can we communicate the same information at all three churches?

\*June 4<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> is Vacation Bible School. June 5<sup>th</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup> the Parish will be the host. There is a sign-up sheet.

A motion was made to approve the Pastor's report as presented by Duey Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Dohm, Motion Carried.

**Secretary's Minutes:**

A motion was made to approve April 2023 Secretary's Minutes as presented on paper by Cindy Jensen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jessica Hanson, Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

A motion was made to approve the April 2023 Treasurer's report as presented on paper by Duey Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jessica Hanson, Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

1) **Monthly Items:**

- One member from Spring Lake will be graduating from high school. They will be recognized at Gilman.
- The road signs in front of the church look good and will not need to be renovated.

2) **Parish Directory? Location for Pictures?**

- The last directory was done in 2018. Gilman and St Johns would like to have a new Parish book done. All churches will be in the same book and separated into blocks. There was a suggestion that pictures be done at St Johns since there is no stairs. There will be three different time slots to sign up for your picture to be taken. This will occur in July or August.

### 3) **Custodian Duties**

- Mary Jane will retire at the end of June. WELCA may be able to take over some of the duties. Is there anyone that can take over opening the church (turning on lights, speakers, shoveling in the winter, sweeping sidewalk in the summer)? If a new custodian is not found a cleaning service may need to be investigated. Maybe a lock box could be installed at the church for ushers to be able to open the doors.

### 4) **Synod Assembly Review**

- Jessica Hanson attended the Synod Assembly. 196 churches took part and of these 196 churches it was found that 68 churches are having attendance of 20 people or less at church services. Jessica spoke about what our mission statement and if it could be shortened, and how we were meeting it.

### 5) **Update Signature Cards**

- Contingency Fund signature cards are done.
- Niederhauser Fund signature cards will be done tonight.

### 6) **Organ Update**

- The last quote received for the organ repairs was done on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Repairs at that time were \$1412 including labor. Someone would still need to get the speaker down and will take up to eight weeks to repair. A lift would be needed to get the speaker down. Spring Lake already paid \$300 for the estimate. Should a new speaker be purchased vs repaired?

### 7) **CD Rates**

- Kay Place investigated CD rates at three different banks. Citizen State Bank out of Elmwood has a 6-month CD at 4.75% APY with 10,000 minimum. There is a penalty with early withdrawal. Pillar Bank offers a CD at 0.1% and Westconsin Credit Union offers a 6-month CD at 2% and you need to have a member account with them. A motion was made to transfer \$125,000 to the 6-month CD at 4.75% through Citizen State Bank by Ray Dohm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duey Davis, Motion Carried.

### 8) **Sunday School Teachers**

- Sunday School is paid for by the Parish. There was a suggestion that the same Sunday School teachers travel to each church. Maybe have one Sunday School teacher from each church and they work together. This will be brought up at the Parish Council Meeting.

### 9) **Summer Wednesday Night Services**

- Wednesday night services will begin on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 630 and to be held at St Johns. This is the Wednesday after vacation bible school ends. Will be a contemporary service and depending on attendance will determine if they continue.

### 10) **Background Checks.**

- Anyone working with the youth will need to have a background check done. This will be done between November 8-10.

#### **11) Gutters**

- Tim Anderson has agreed to clean the gutters at Spring Lake Church at no cost.

### **New Business**

#### **1) Council Vote to Fill Deacon Position**

- Cindy Jensen has volunteered to fill the open deacon position. Per the constitution the Council can vote and approve this position until the next church annual meetings. A motion to approve Cindy Jensen as Deacon for the open position by Ray Dohm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trudy Rew, Motion carried.

#### **2) Ministry Site Profile/Call Committee**

- Volunteers need to be found to be part of the call committee. Pastor Bob Friese will be Bridge Pastor until the end of the year. If he is interested and no other Pastor is found his contract could be renewed.

#### **3) Parish Meeting Review**

- At the last Parish meeting they discussed Wednesday services, contract review, background checks, newsletter, and coffee fellowship after church services.

#### **4) Fall Festival**

- Tentative date to be October 15<sup>th</sup>. Duey Davis will call Rich Schroeder to see if he can provide the music during service.

#### **5) Sidewalks**

- Ray Dohm reported that the church sidewalks need some attention. He will add a sealer and filler this summer.

### **Comments, Concerns, Rumors or Perceptions**

- Table was opened for council members to discuss any concerns they may have.

**Next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 13th, at 5:30 pm. Location: St Johns Library.**

### **Adjourn Spring Lake Council Meeting**

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made at 6:40 pm by Cindy Jense., 2nd by Ray Dohm, Motion carried.

**Closed with the Lord's Prayer.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Davis