

St. John's Lutheran Church, Council Meeting, February 16, 2023
Approved at the March Meeting

Belonging to Christ, we are a family of faith, **Encouraging** spiritual growth, and **Connecting** others to lasting hope.

Those present: Phil Henneman (President), Karen Gunderson (Vice President), Ann Beyer (Treasurer), Barb Esanbock (Secretary), Brian Sandness (Financial Secretary), Stacy Burr (Stewardship), Beth Keehr (Education), Ella Esanbock (Worship), Tom Boyer (Property)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Phil Henneman at 6:00 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Phil led us in prayer.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Karen Gunderson, second by Stacy Burr, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: A correction was made under the secretary's report. Motion by Karen Gunderson, second by Ann Beyer, to approve January minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: After discussion, there was a motion by Stacy Burr, second by Tom Boyer, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: No report. Pastor Bob Friese will start as our bridge pastor on March 1st.

President's Report: All items will be addressed under business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STEWARDSHIP: Chair, Stacy Burr; Committee Members: Darice and Evah Butts

- Working with Laura Hennemann and Nina Larson to fill volunteer positions at St. John's.
- Working on Time and Talent cards.
- Stewardship and Social Concerns will be helping each other with events.
- Will be working on organizing different community outreach projects.

PROPERTY: Chair: Tom Boyer

- Window in the library won't close. Door locks need checking.
- There are a couple of people willing to help with repairs.

EDUCATION: Chair, Beth Keehr

- The parish council will discuss a joint budget for Sunday School.
- Beth has a couple of people willing to help with adult education.

WORSHIP: Chair: Ella Esanbock

- With the absence of a worship chair the past year, Mel Wentlandt has been taking care of the altar; and Gretchen Cipriano has been scheduling musicians. Ella can also meet with Pastor Bob once he starts.

FINANCIAL: Brian has six members willing to serve as counters. Any confirmation students that are interested in helping can open envelopes, but not count.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Sunday School Building:** This was discussed at the annual meeting. The Food Pantry cannot take over the building; however, they do have the funds to pay more for utilities. Karen Gunderson offered to work with Ann Beyer on getting the figures together for the cost of maintaining the building.
- **Copier Maintenance:** The copier is not running well. Anne is looking into the options.
- **Worship Schedule:** Pastor Bob will start March 1st. His planned schedule will be Mon, Tues, and Wed mornings in the office, visitation in the afternoons. Thursdays from home. Friday and Saturday off. Lenten services will continue at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays will continue with our current rotation.
- **Confirmation:** Class will start at 6 p.m. and go into church during Lent. Students will be getting a meal before.
- **Volunteers:** Discussed under Stewardship.
- **Keys:** Discussion on keys needing to be turned in.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **New Council Members:** Questions and discussion on duties. Phil and Karen will look into work groups.
- **First Communion:** There will be classes on the 22nd and 26th. Available for 5th grade and up, or earlier if parents feel they are ready. First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday.
- **Adopt a Highway:** Phil will bring this to the parish council meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN: Motion by Karen Gunderson, second by Stacy Burr, to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Esanbock, St. John's Council Secretary