

St. John's Lutheran Church, Council Meeting, January 9, 2024

Approved at the February Meeting

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

Call to Order: Following a joint meeting with Gilman and Spring Lake councils, the St. John's Council meeting was called to order by Phil Henneman at 6:20 p.m.

Those present: Phil Hennemann (President), Karen Gunderson (Vice President), Barb Esanbock (Secretary), Brian Sandness (Financial Secretary), Stacy Burr (Stewardship), Tom Boyer (Property), Beth Keehr (Education), Melanie Wentlandt (Social Concerns)

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

Secretary's Report: Motion by Karen Gunderson, second by Beth Keehr, to approve the December minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Expenses were reviewed. Motion by Karen Gunderson, second by Mel Wentlandt, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY: Chair: Tom Boyer

- The companies that submitted quotes for building repairs were contacted. A contract from Gausman was sent to Phil. General maintenance was done

EDUCATION: Chair, Beth Keehr

- The Confirmation students are getting very involved with helping at Wednesday night services. Beth will follow up with Rob Moore on a Sunday School update.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: Chair: Melanie Wentlandt

- Discussion on how to handle checks that are given as donations for the Giving Tree.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Work Groups:** Discussion on having some key contact people for help with funeral lunches, etc.
- **2024 St. John's Council Elections:** The President position is open yet. We will need someone to finish Ella's 2nd year on Worship.
- **Insurance Policy Update:** The new policy has been issued and delivered to the church office.
- **Building Exterior Resurfacing:** A letter will go out to congregation members before voting on this. Time and Talent sheets may be included with this.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Finalize Budget:** St. John's portion of the 2024 Parish budget will be 46%. Each line item of the St. John's budget was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Karen Gunderson, second by Tom Boyer, to take a proposed budget of \$132,570 to the annual meeting for a congregational vote.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 13th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: Motion by Karen Gunderson, second by Tom Boyer, to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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