

St. John's Lutheran Church, Council Meeting, March 14, 2023
Approved at the April Meeting

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Phil Henneman at 6:32 p.m.

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

Approval of Agenda: There was an item added under new business. Motion by Karen Gunderson, second by Beth Keehr, to approve the updated agenda. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Karen Gunderson, second by Tom Boyer, to approve February minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ann went over the report. Per Phil, each congregation only needed to pay ½ of the normal amount for one month to the Parish, as the Parish had an excess of funds. Discussion on the cost to mail Epistle. Motion by Stacy Burr, second by Mel Wentlandt, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Bob provided a written report, including mention of First Communion classes. Discussion on worship at Handy Andy Park the last Sunday of June, July, and August.

President's Report: New officers were elected to the Parish Council. Discussion on background checks. Pastor Bob's position as our bridge pastor could be extended beyond May.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STEWARDSHIP: Chair: Stacy Burr

- Working on Time & Talent sheets.
- Working on getting instructions together for worship volunteers.
- Sponsored a child through One Child through KTIS radio.
- Working on Stewardship monthly calendar.
- Discussion on Feed My Starving Children.

PROPERTY: Chair: Tom Boyer

- Keith Larson and Ross Keehr have offered to help.
- Furnace filters and some light bulbs have been replaced.

WORSHIP: Chair: Ella Esanbock

- Nothing new to report.

EDUCATION: Chair, Beth Keehr

- Confirmation is going good. Rob is still heading up Sunday School.
- Looking into what to do for adult education, when to have it, etc.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: Chair: Melanie Wentlandt

- Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Sunday School Building Expenses:** We pay approximately \$4,000 per year in utilities. Motion by Karen Gunderson, second by Tom Boyer, to present documentation to the Food Pantry board, along with a proposal of \$500 in rent to cover expenses. Motion carried.
- **Copier Maintenance:** After previous discussion on if it would be better to repair, buy, or lease, the copier has been fixed and is working well..

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Summer Activities:** VBS will be held June 4th-8th. Ella would be willing to promote LP Bible Camp. Annual chicken feed will be Thursday, July 13th.
- **Graduation Sunday Service:** St. John's has 2 graduates, Gilman 8, and Spring Lake 1. Motion by Barb Esanbock, second by Mel Wentlandt, to switch St. John's and Gilman Sundays to have Graduation Sunday 5/15 at Gilman. Motion carried. Discussion on gifts.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 11th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN: Motion by Stacy Burr, second by Mel Wentlandt, to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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