

St. John Lutheran
Congregation Council Meeting
May 15, 2018 2018

Present: Pastor Lewton, Pastor Natwick, President Marcusen, Richard Benz, Jared Bookhardt, Jesse Kilwein, Darlene Pelton, Dan Pender, Seth Poland, Linda Splichal, Jon Tangen, and Sandra Moos

Absent: Jennifer Jung, Susan Moberg, Tasha Gartner

The meeting began at 7:07 p.m.

Jesse Kilwein led us in Devotions. We discussed Chapter 3 of The Agile Church by Dwight J. Zscheile.

Administrative Reports

Consent Agenda- Darlene Pelton made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; this motion was seconded by Jon Tangen, the motion carried.

Financial Statement- Discussion of how the budget and offerings were published in the bulletin in the past and questions of what should be communicated in the future took place. No decision was made. At this time there would be confusion with the changes to the General and Outreach numbers, the numbers would not represent good comparables.

Trustee Report- Jon Tangen reported that pavers, plants and gravel are in the works for the Garden of Grace. Quotes have been received for the shed. The project is coming along nicely.

Summer projects include

- bids/replacement of the windows in the parsonage.
- bids will be requested thru social media for repair to the clay tiles on the roof of the church. Additional communications with the insurance adjuster continue.
- installation of a safe in the sacristy to hold offering monies that need to be counted and deposited in the bank. Currently we do not have a secure process of storage of these funds.

The Back Pack program needs a concrete pad in their delivery area. Jon Tangen made a motion to spend up to \$2,000 from the Building Fund account to construct a concrete pad for the Back-Pack Program, Jesse Kilwein seconded this motion, motion carried.

Pastor Natwick made comment of a sprinkler pipe that comes out of the ground at knee height that could be a hazard to activities on the lawn of the church. He suggested some kind of covering. Pastor Lewton will check with Ray with the possibility of using the rock in the sacristy.

Communications- Mission Investment Fund information and the ELCA capital campaign report for 2017 were circulated. Other communications can be found on the bulletin board.

Pastoral Reports

Pastor Natwick reported that a year end party for Church School will be on Wednesday. The Mission Trip will have a special offering thru envelopes next week.

Pastor Lewton will be gone next Sunday for the Festival of Homiletics in Washington D.C. with Kathy Nygard. She will be on vacation June 3rd and 17th. There have been conversations of small weddings in the Garden of Grace; which could be a challenge due to size of the area for attendees and seating. She is currently looking at the possibilities for the next Adult class.

Unfinished Business

Legacy of Faith Campaign- there have been no changes, during the last 2 weeks of June, the congregation will be encouraged to contribute.

Church Logo- is still in the works.

Synod Assembly- to be held June 1st and 2nd in Bismarck. Attending from St. John will be: voting members Kris Brugamyer, Don Brugamyer, Elizabeth Yoder and Marcus Lewton. Non-voting members that plan to attend are Tim Wegner, Sonita Wegner, Amy Wegner, Becca Simonds and Amy Graves.

St. Luke's Annual Meeting- to be held on May 22nd will be attended by Darlene Pelton and Seth Poland.

Safety Deposit Box- will be moved early in 2019 when the annual bill is due.

Pentecost Picnic- scheduled for May 20th has been cancelled.

New Business

Approval of New Members- Richard Benz made a motion to approve new members Daniel & Kellie Bergman; Vincent & Patience Biesiot & Ava Byrd; Brett Binstock; Troy & Jodi Bosch, James, Jerzy & Jeter; Dylan & Tayler Chock; Dallas & Sara Lawrey; Brayden Urlacher; Jim & Susie Lee; Monica Mack; Chuck Meduna; Matthew Nicklos, Amanda & Parker Heidt; David and Brittney Piper; Derek & Jordan Ridl & Carter; Heather & Beth Spaulding, Isabella & Sayler; Marlyne Tveter; and Marvin White. Dan Pender seconded the motion, motion carried.

Retirements- Pam Weidner is leaving around July 1st. With her retirement; her duties will be reassessed with the possibility of outsourcing payroll and accounting. Tammy Krenz will return to Custodial as of August 31st. Cora may be able to absorb some of her duties.

Wedding gift for Pastor Natwick and Becca- Dan Pender made a motion to gift Pastor Natwick an extra week of vacation including one Sunday as a wedding gift. The motion was seconded by Richard Benz, motion carried. Pastor Natwick thanked council for the "very generous" gift.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Sandra Moos, Council Recording Secretary