

St. John's Church Council Minutes – January 15, 2019

Council members present: Gene Mykisen, Liz Fischer, Carol Polzin, Tom Pamperin, Pete Pockat, Shirl Tischauser, Sharon Piastowski. **Also present:** Pastor Beth Macha, Tracy Conradt.

Members absent: George Crum, Kelly Trebus

Meeting called to order by President Mykisen at 5:58 pm.

Opened with devotion by Shirl.

The mission statement was read together.

Member Concerns: None

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Sharon, to approve the December minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Various items within the December and year-end 2018 financial statements were discussed, including the presentation of the worship and music activities and a clarification on benevolence payments. A motion was made by Liz, seconded by Shirl, to approve the December 2018 financial statements as presented. Motion carried.

Tom reported on some additional items: 1) an update on the sanctuary project, including the funds received and disbursed to-date and the status of the pledged amounts; 2) the upcoming distribution of giving statements, which will include a sanctuary pledge status; and 3) the planned communication with the congregation on the new envelopes.

Pastor's Report: A written report from Pastor Beth was provided. Specifically noted was Pastor's plan to non-renew her contract with St. Johns, effective February 17, 2019. She will have been with St. Johns for 18 months at the end of her current term and feels the timing is appropriate for her time here to end. Council will be provided a list of supply pastors and emergency pastor contacts prior to her departure.

Administrative Secretary's Report: Tracy provided an update on her activities. Specifically highlighted and discussed was the status of our technology services and support. Connecting Point will be providing a proposal of proposed services for Council review at the February 2019 meeting.

Old Business: Items of Old Business considered were:

- The Call Committee has indicated that nothing has changed from its last update.
- The need for a snow removal person continues. There have been various congregational members step forward to assist when needed but no one has committed to the season.
- The 2019 budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting was reviewed and discussed with no changes.

- The payment of the bill for the replacement of the amplifier in the Sanctuary was discussed. After considering options, a motion was made by Tom, seconded by Liz, to authorize the funds to come from the Sanctuary Special Fund. Motion carried.

New Business: Items of New Business considered were:

- Carley Auction Proceeds. A motion was made by Gene, seconded by Shirl, to recommend to the congregation that the proceeds of the Carley Auction fund raising event be allocated \$2,000 toward kitchen improvements and the remainder – estimated to be \$1,172 – toward building improvements and maintenance. Motion carried.
- Annual Meeting Agenda. A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Liz, to approve the Annual Meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be February 26, 2019, at 6:00 pm.

Action Team Reports: The following Action Team reports were provided:

- Worship and Music. Sharon provided an update from their most recent meeting, noting that Bill Mengert has resigned from the committee, Lenten services will follow the Holden Evening Prayer program, Linda Mielke and Denise Pamperin will review Lenten character monologues, the status of the Lenten soup supper and clarifying who will handle gift bags at the Christmas program in the future.
- Education. Tom indicated that no meetings have occurred.
- Stewardship. Carol indicated that the team did not meet in the last month.
- Youth. Liz indicated that the focus was on getting participation for an upcoming Quake event.
- Fellowship. Shirl indicated the team has not met but may have interest in the soup supper.
- Outreach. Pete discussed the upcoming new member gatherings on January 20, 2019.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Shirl, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Pamperin, Acting Secretary.