

## **St. John's Church Council Minutes March 17, 2020**

**Council Members Present:** Tom Pamperin, Shirl Tischauser, Liz Fischer, Mary Hoppe, Nancy Helms, Sue Conradt, Kelly Trebus, Wanda Tucker & Curly Krueger Also Present-Pastor Roald Harswick & Sheri Fuhrman

**Council Members Absent:** Carol Polzin

Meeting called to order by President Kelly Trebus at 5:27 pm.

Meeting opened with Prayer & Devotions by Tom Pamperin

Mission Statement was read.

President Kelly Trebus did a short briefing on trying to stay as positive as possible during this difficult time.

**Member Comments:** decision was made to change member concerns to member comments since it's not always concern but positives as well

**Secretary's Report:** With no changes or corrections, Tom Pamperin made a motion to approve the February minutes. Mary Hoppe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** With no changes or corrections Shirl Tischauser made a motion to approve the February financials. Sue Conradt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report and Questions:** Letters will be sent noting that all services be cancelled March 18 thru April 2nd. Maundy Thursday worship cancelled also. Lenten Breakfast cancelled also until further notice. Council will meet Monday March 30th, 5:30 pm to update the service schedule. All funerals will be immediate family only.

Will offer group bible study for small groups of 10 people. Dates will be posted later. A motion was made to approve the bible studies by Tom Pamperin, seconded by Wanda Tucker. Motion carried.

Synod Assembly in May has been cancelled. Will reschedule in fall.

Thanked everyone for remodeling his office. Of course he loves it!

**Old Business:**

Newsletter Articles: skipping this month's newsletter until we know for sure of the schedule.

ReKeying of the building: Tom followed up with Sharon. Haven't gotten an estimate yet. They need to do a walk through of the building so we will table this for now since we have no issues.

Suggested putting the call committee update back on the agenda

Cemetery Maintenance: leave as is, Sarah Gorges wants to keep doing it. Motion was made by Tom Pamperin to keep Sarah on as the cemetery maintenance person. Seconded by Liz Fischer. Motion carried.

**Any Other Old Business:** None at this time.

**New Business:**

New Member: Anthony Vazquez. Motion made to welcome him as a member by Tom Pamperin, seconded by Liz Fischer. Motion carried.

Olson Electric was in and changed the lights. Bulbs keep burning out and he changed the bulbs to LED lights. We will rummage old lights. Also will get a cost on bulbs to replace the rest of the lights. Shirl will talk to Dick Olson and Tom Kraeger, cost is not to exceed \$400.

Red Cross asked to use the building for their blood drive since the school is closed. Council decided against this as we will also be locking the church during Covid 19 pandemic.

**Other New Business:** We will be broadcasting the services online via Facebook and the church website. This will be available online Sunday morning at 9am. Will need to emphasize offering so people still give.

Approved to change office hours from 9am-3pm. Monday thru Thursday. The doors will be locked, you must call first. Around the table agreement was made. Also Pastor will still be available just please call ahead to schedule a time.

Discussion was also had to keep in touch with the shut-ins.

**Action Team Reports:**

**Confirmation:** Tom Pamperin had nothing to report at this time.

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**Finance:** Tom noted that January's numbers were off and we are actually \$7000 behind. Explanation was made. He also stated that a \$25,000 payment was made towards the Sanctuary loan. This will bring the balance down to approximately \$150,000. Kelly will follow up with Lucas at Premier Community Bank to update the Sanctuary loan since it will need to be renewed. Quarterly benevolence is due and will do this in April meeting.

**Stewardship:** meeting in April to discuss directory.

**Youth:** Liz stated that faithquakes has been cancelled and a refund will be issued. Tom also attended the Crossways camp annual meeting. They were happy to get their meeting in due to the Covid 19. so they were able to get the budget approved.

**Property:** Shirl stated Brenda would like to get 2 new rugs. She will get us a quote. Old snowblowers have been sold. We received \$50. Monies will be put in the building improvement fund.

Survey has been completed. One neighbor is 5' over the line and the other neighbor is 10' over the line. Looking into the fence ordinance. There is a concern for safety so Mike Meyer will take care of this. New fence could cost \$6500-7000.

**Closed Session:** Not needed at this time.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

A motion was made by Liz Fischer to adjourn the meeting. Tom Pamperin seconded the motion. Motion carried. President, Kelly Trebus adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Next Council Meeting: March 30th 5:30 pm

Executive Council Meeting: TBD

April Devotions: Curly Krueger

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Fischer  
Council Secretary