

## **St. John's Church Council Minutes January 19, 2021**

Meeting called to order by President Kelly Trebus at 5:30 pm

**Prayer & Devotions:** Shirl Tischauser

**Council Members Present:** Tom Pamperin, Shirl Tischauser,, Liz Fischer, Mary Hoppe, Kelly Trebus, Nancy Helms, Wanda Tucker, Sheri Furhman, Pastor Sara Gorman, and Curly Krueger via phone.

**Absent:** Carol Polzin

**Member Comments:** many members contemplating attending or joining other churches as St John's is still not open.

**Secretary's Report:** With no changes, Nancy Helms made a motion to approve December minutes, Shirl Tischauser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Pamperin stated giving is still good. With no changes or corrections Liz Fischer made a motion to approve November report and Nancy Helms seconded the motion, Motion carried.

**Pastors Report:** Pastor Sara reported that things are going great! Christmas Eve services went well. Worship and Music met last week discussing possibly doing a drive in service again for Easter. Confirmation is going well. Drive in Communion is decreasing in numbers so we will continue the same in February and possibly hand out ashes for Ash Wednesday. After that if numbers don't increase we will look at adjusting the hand out times.

### **Old Business**

**Task force update:** Task force met and discussed reopening of the church. As for now things will stay the same with online only. Looking at possible soft launch March 14th. With live video. Then if things continue to go well we will open to 50 ppl on March 21st. In the sactuary. Then in the following week March 28th. 75 ppl in the Parish hall. Numbers may increase or decrease as needed and sanitation stations will be available. Masks will be required.

**Nominating Committee:** Nancy Helms reported that Amy Bazile, Tracey Conradt, and Melissa Pfieler all agreed to run for council. Jessie Williamson and Pat Brietenfeldt also showed interest and said maybe next year.

**Action Team reports:** worship and music met and discussed midweek lenten services to be streamed online. We are also looking at possibly downsizing the committees or combining them. More to look into in February.

**Employee reviews:** The council would like to express how our employees are 5 star employees! They all do wonderful and work very well together. They keep the church going and where it is today. **THANK YOU!! YOU ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!**

**Annual meeting:** Should we do a drive in meeting or meet in person and space out like we did when we called Pastor Sara? Liz Fischer suggested in person would get more people to attend. An agreement was made to have it in person in the parish hall. Making people aware that the church is only open for this meeting and discuss our plan to reopen.

**Christmas miracle:** Sherri mentioned that we did not use the cross money to fix the crosses as they just started working!!

### **New Business**

Looking at possibly cleaning up the constitution in 2021 to make things more current.

**Annual meeting agenda needs approval:** Tom Pamperin made a motion to approve and Wanda Tucker 2nd the motion. Motion Carried.

New Council installation: thinking of possibly doing it the 14th of March at our soft opening.

Sum pumps need to be replaced. Got a quote for \$250 each and we need 3. Also a toilet is leaking in the sanctuary can be fixed for \$175.

Light dimmer switch keeps shorting out. Olsons will get us an estimate to get these fixed.

Brenda would like a smaller carpet shampooer. The big one is too heavy and hard to push around and it doesn't fit in most places. We will sell the big one and look for a smaller one.

Sara agreed to do the cemetery lawn again.

A motion was made by Tom Pamperin to adjourn the meeting. Liz Fischer seconded the motion. Motion carried. President, Kelly Trebus adjourned the meeting at 6:51pm.

Next Council Meeting: TBD

Executive Council Meeting: TBD

Prayer & devotions TBD

Respectfully Submitted, Liz Fischer  
Council Secretary

