

## St. John's Church Council Minutes – March 16th, 2021

**Council members present:** Amy Bazile, Tracy Conradt, Nancy Helms, Mary Hoppe, Melissa Pfeiler, Sharon Piastowski, Wanda Tucker, Tom Pamperin, Pastor Sara Gorman (Ex Officio).

**Also present:** Sheri Fuhrman. **Not present:** Shirl Tischauser and Kelly Trebus.

Meeting called to order by Tom Pamperin at 6:31p.m. Amy opened with devotions and prayer.

The mission statement was read together.

**Member Concerns:** Wanda and Nancy stated members came to them asking for both the first and last names to be used for prayers. Sheri explained the former Interim Pastor wanted to only use first names. Pastor Sara shared that first and last names known are being listed in the announcements section of the bulletin and in the monthly newsletter. First and last names will continue to be listed in the bulletins and newsletters and Pastor will use both names during prayers when we have permission from those being prayed for.

**Secretary's Report:** Last month's minutes were reviewed with changes and corrections noted. A motion was made by Amy, seconded by Tracy, to approve the February Council minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Various items within the financial statements were discussed, including the monthly giving, sanctuary project pledge status, loan balances and remaining loan terms. It was also discussed that motions made at an Annual Meeting have a secondary designation so that excess or remaining funds can be used for other purposes. A motion was made by Amy, seconded by Nancy, to approve the February 2021 financial statements as presented. Motion carried.

**Strategic Discussion:** Pastor Sara lead the discussion of strategic items impacting the congregation during the coming year. Questions were posed to encourage discussion beyond the day-to-day operations of the church. Pastor asked the following questions: "1) What are the best things about St. John's?" and "2) What can St. John's improve at?" Council members shared and discussed responses.

**Pastoral Report:** Pastor gave an update on her activities over the past month, including the Holy Week services being online, the church will be open on Maundy Thursday for prayer, a letter to each household will be mailed with any worship changes after the COVID-19 Task Force's next meeting, , the author of *Journeying In The Wilderness* will be joining That Thursday Night Thing on March 18<sup>th</sup>, book club date is changed from March 22<sup>nd</sup> to March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m., drive-by communion will be Palm Sunday weekend, the status of in-person confirmation class, Ray Mielke will be preaching April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, the setting of May 2<sup>nd</sup> as Bibles and First Communion Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> starting Camelot Service, May 16 as Confirmation Sunday, a meeting to discuss the National Youth Gathering occurring in Minneapolis in 2022 is being planned.

**Vital Statistics:** None

**Old Business:** Items of Old Business considered were:

- Return to Worship Task Force Report – Pastor shared in the Synod meeting, the Epidemiologist stated if everyone is wearing a mask, singing is safe. Pastor said she will discuss this with the Worship and Music Team at their next meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30p.m. The next COVID-19 Task Force meeting is Sunday, March 21st at 11a.m.
- Appointment of 1 Member for the Nominating Committee - Council was authorized at the Annual Meeting to name one additional member to the Nominating Committee. Wanda stated she would go on the committee if another member is not chosen by next year's nominating process.
- Changes to the Action Teams - Tabled for the next Council meeting.
- Action Team Assignments - Tabled for the next Council meeting.
- Other Old Business – Wanda researched companies that have rekeyed other local buildings in the area. Wanda recommended Camera Corner out of Green Bay to be contacted for a quote. After discussion, it will be recommended to the Property committee for further review.

**New Business:** Items of New Business considered were:

- Council Member Appointment - A motion was made by Wanda, seconded by Amy to appoint Ron Krueger as the Council member to serve the rest of David (Curly) Krueger's term. Motion carried.
- Approval of Money Counters – A motion was made by Tracy, seconded by Nancy to approve Janis Radies, Rozanne Rebenhagen, Mary Dobbe, Sharon Piastowski, Teri Mykisen, Janet Fritz, Nancy Helms, Vonnie Jahnke, and Sandy Schuelke, as the 2021 money counters. Motion carried.
- Cemetery Maintenance – Sara Gorges has agreed to continue to do the cemetery maintenance for this year.
- Quarterly Benevolence – A motion was made by Sharon, seconded by Amy, to disburse \$2000 from Benevolence to the following: Crossways - \$1000 and Lutheran Social Services - \$1000. Motion carried.
- Any Other New Business – No other new business was discussed.

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

- Worship & Music – The Team will meet March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30p.m.

**Closed Session:** N/A

The next meeting will be April 20th, 2021, at 6:30 pm.

Wanda is scheduled to share the prayer with us at the next meeting.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

A motion was made by Tracy, seconded by Amy, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26p.m. Motion

carried.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Pamperin, Secretary.